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GPs could opt out of NHS in shake-up plan

Private health care key to government thinking

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

A new plan which would involve GPs leaving the health service and taking with them into private health companies their lists of 2,000-3,000 patients is emerging as the preferred solution among radical new options for the service.

The Government would pay a fee per head to finance basic health cover, but extras would be the responsibility of the individual.

The urgent review of the health service has boiled down rapidly into a choice among three options, two of which would involve a huge extension of private health care.

The Government intends to publish a White Paper setting out the proposals for reform at least by October and possibly as early as July.

With Mrs Margaret Thatcher playing a leading role in what she acknowledges as the Government's top priority, her preferred solution at this stage would involve the replacement of the existing district health authorities.

They would become free-standing Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), led by GPs, who would take with them their existing lists, together with a Government capitation fee for each one.

The organizations would operate as private companies which, for payment of a fixed monthly or annual premium, would provide a total service of health care for the patient over the year.

They would be both insurers and providers of health care, generally fixed around one hospital. They might own that hospital or merely hire its services.

Individuals would not have to pay for their basic cover. These costs would be met by the Government's annual payment of a capitation fee of so much per patient on the doctor's list, based largely on the age of each patient.

The age groups would be banded according to the actuarial expectations of health care required for each group. The system would be sufficiently flexible to allow patients to pay extra for "frills" such as better food, private rooms and swifter attention.

The US-style HMOs, as private companies, would have a considerable interest in preventive medicine to keep down their costs. In cities such as London there would be a variety of competing organizations and patients would be able to choose which they wanted to join.

In America, where such organisations grew up as a means of holding down spiralling health costs, there are now 393 serving more than 19 million people.

Another front-runner is the plan outlined by Mr Leon Brittan, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. He called for the removal of all social security spending from the National Insurance scheme to be financed by general taxation, with health care entirely paid for from a new National Health Insurance Scheme.

Any extra spending on health would thus become "transparent". It would involve an immediate increase in NHIS subscriptions. Individuals would have the right to opt out and join private health schemes, ensuring that the non-health servsice sector of the health industry grew rapidly.

This has become known in Government circles as the "Serps option" because, as with the latest pension formula, individuals could opt out of state provision and pay a lower premium for safety net cover.

The third option is that of maintaining the system in much the same shape as it is but with structural changes in management, more spending raised by new charges and an extensive development of the "internal market" within the health service, linked to better marketing of optional extras such as private rooms.

It would also involve greater trading of services, for instance radiology and pathology, between the public and private sectors.

This was the only section of the new thinking considered for insertion in the Conservative election manifesto last June, but it was ruled out then as untimely.

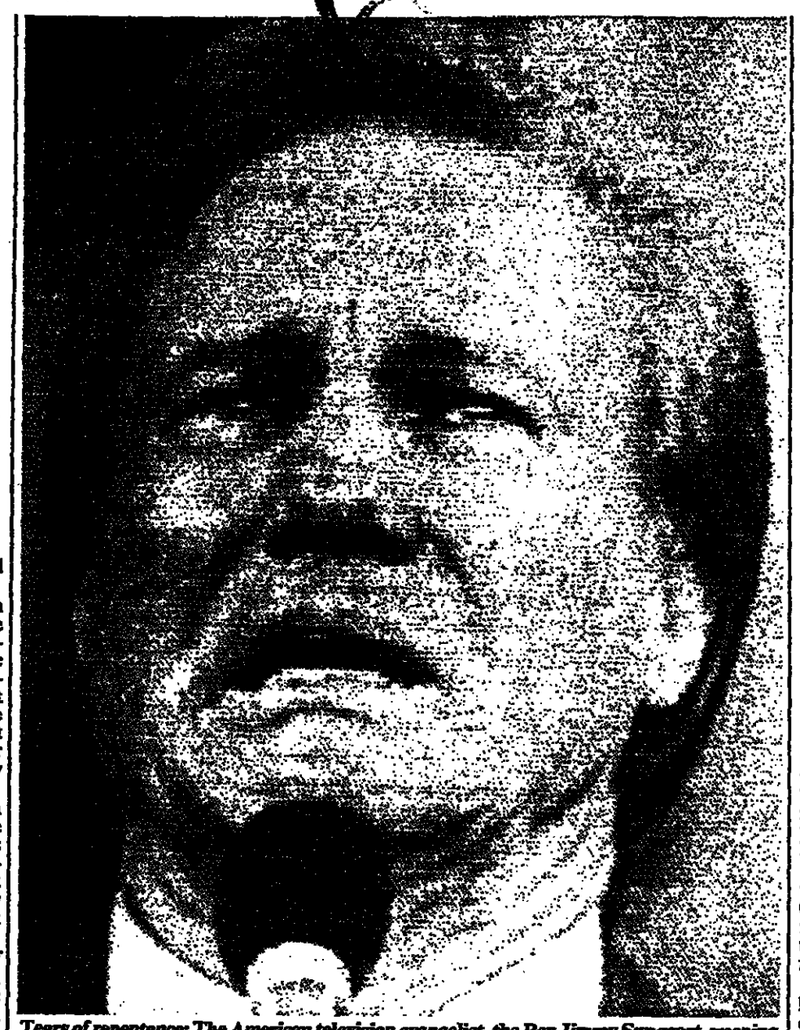
Under the third option, Downing Street foresees a huge increase in the farming out of patients between different health authorities.

Standard costs for each diagnostic related group (DRG) would be established and the funds for different health authorities would be determined by the expectation of the number of operations of each kind they would have to perform.

Those authorities that found their costs for a particular operation were well above the average would then have an incentive to send them to another area where the operation could be done more cheaply.

Thus if the standard DRG calculation for a hernia operation were to be £500 and area A found that it cost it £800 a time to deal with hernias compared with £400 in area B, then area A would send its patients to area B and pay that area £500 to perform the operation. Area B would keep its £100 profit to plough into its own funds and area A would "save" £300 of its own funds.

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Tears of repentance: The American television evangelist, the Rev Jimmy Swaggart, weeping at his World Faith Centre in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as he confessed to paying a prostitute to "perform pornographic acts" in a New Orleans motel room. Tears shed, page 7

Air safety unit to curb traffic over Britain

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Six senior air traffic controllers are to be made responsible for making Britain's skies safer through restricting the flow of aircraft.

The move has been ordered by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and will result in passenger delays as planes have to wait longer to enter British airspace.

It is part of an attempt to calm fears over air safety and to ease controllers' workloads. The decision was taken some time ago but is now a priority. The first team should be in place by Easter.

The six controllers, who will be promoted supervisors and run a flow management unit at the heart of the main West Drayton control centre, will be responsible for monitoring all flights and liaising with every British sector as well as 11 units throughout Europe. They will refuse to accept more aircraft if it appears that too many are destined for British airspace.

Mr Chris Stock, president of the Guild of Air Traffic Controlles, said it would result in the tightest air traffic system and would mean delays for passengers.

It was the only tool left to keep aircraft moving safely in crowded skies until the present system was improved and updated. "We are getting into the situation now where the flow management system, which was probably a little crude last year, is going to be very much more sophisticated.

"We are going to have a much improved system which will exercise complete control on traffic coming into or out of the country. The Civil Aviation Authority has always tried to avoid imposing this sort of thing, but now the traffic levels are dictating otherwise."

Yesterday, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, dismissed fears about safety after the latest air miss. He promised a full inquiry into the incident near Clacton, Essex, but told MPs in the Commons that the incident involving a British Caledonian flight and Pan American plane was not a "risk bearing near miss".

A preliminary investigation had shown that the pilot of the Pan Am 727 had "descended further than control intended.

A Bristow helicopter with 30 people on board and an RAF F4 Phantom jet were involved last night in a "near miss" off the east coast of Scotland, the Labour transport spokesman, Mr Robert Hughes, told the House of Commons. The Government said it would investigate the report.

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The controller noticed this and took immediate remedial action", Mr Channon said. The number of risk bearing near misses had fallen from 45 in 1977 to 16 in 1986; it was 10 times safer to fly today in terms of reported air misses than it had been a decade ago.

The new flow management unit represents a significant up-dating and streamlining of the present system which is now carried out by duty controllers who also have other tasks. New communications equipment will also be installed to enable the

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MP facing resign call on TV-am

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Mr Jonathan Aitken, the Conservative MP, is facing growing pressure to resign as a director of TV-am over his alleged role in arranging a sizeable Saudi shareholding in the breakfast time station.

Fellow board members who only learned recently about the substantial foreign-held stake in their company are openly seething and are expected to make their feelings known in the strongest terms at the TV-am board meeting on Thursday.

All Britain's independent television companies are obliged to notify the IBA of any foreign shareholding exceeding 1 per cent held by a non-EEC organization or individual.

But the 15 per cent Saudi stake — estimated to be worth £3.5 million — was apparently arranged in 1981 yet only made known to fellow board members last year. The IBA was told 13 days ago.

The IBA has questioned the chairman of TV-am, Mr Timothy Aitken, the MP's cousin.

● The 229 sacked technicians at TV-am are considering claiming up to £5 million from the company for alleged unfair dismissal.

Moscow negotiations

Shultz optimistic on missile treaty

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The chances of the superpowers agreeing a second historic treaty reducing stockpiles of nuclear arms have increased considerably after two days of successful negotiations by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, which included a lengthy meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

Mr Shultz also spoke of progress on a number of key issues which will be on the agenda for the Moscow summit, due before the end of June, including nuclear testing, Afghanistan and human rights. "We did not make progress on everything, but we made some progress on most things," he said.

A buoyant Mr Shultz reported that the two sides had agreed to draw up three key documents covering the main outline of a pact to cut long-range nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent in time for his next summit preparatory session with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Washington on March 22 and 23.

Mr Shultz — who had been negotiating until 1 am the previous morning — claimed they represented "important efforts" towards achieving a strategic weapons pact in time for the summit, the last between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov.

The documents, which negotiators in Geneva have been given four weeks to draw up, reflected an agreement by Moscow and Washington that the thorny issue of verification would have to be tackled head-on. Last night's mood of measured optimism was in stark contrast to the gloom which has surrounded the Geneva talks in recent weeks.

In diplomatic circles, much of the reason for the change was attributed to the interest shared, if for different reasons, by both sides in securing a strategic weapons treaty. "For President Reagan it would be a triumphant swansong for his presidency, and for Mr Gorbachov the opportunity to switch desperately needed resources into the civilian sector," one envoy said.

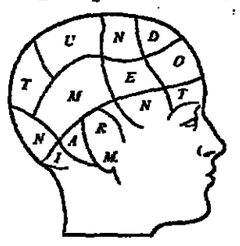
Mr Shultz, who flies to Brussels this morning to brief Nato, spoke less fulsomely about his talks on space defences, which have, in the past, proved the stumbling block to a strategic arms agreement.

Despite the bullish approach being adopted by Mr Shultz to the various ques-

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TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

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● Starting today, the quiz that Britain's sharpest brains have been waiting for: Round One of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. The questions, set by Mensa, will get the whole family thinking.

● Today's questions are moderately easy, but the full 100 questions over 20 days will become increasingly difficult.

● At the end of the first 20 days, the readers gaining the top 100 scores will be invited to join the Tournament Finals, spread over one week, to win a trophy and the £5,000 prize.

● In the schools section, teams of up to ten can compete to win an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 computer for their school.

● To begin Round One of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind, turn to page 11.

US Navy Secretary resigns

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr James Webb, the US Navy Secretary, resigned yesterday in protest at the proposals of Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, to postpone plans for a 600-ship Navy by the end of next year.

In a strongly worded letter to President Reagan, Mr Webb said: "I am unable to support him personally, or to defend this amended budget during budget deliberations."

Mr Carlucci's budget, which falls $32.5 billion (about £18.5) short of President Reagan's original proposals, sharply reverses the military build-up of the Administration's first four years. It imposes deep cuts on all three services.

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BA under fire

The Scandinavian governments have asked Britain for talks on air traffic rights as British Airways came under fire in the EEC and the United States Senate.....Page 23

Ancient riddle

Scientists have discovered a means to unlock the secrets of the Pyramids, as Technology reveals today.....Pages 29-31

Peacekeepers

The Times today begins a four-part investigation into football hooliganism with a look at how last Saturday's FA Cup match at Highbury was policed.....Page 38

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MPs nominate BBC for Nobel peace prize

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

BBC External Services, which broadcasts to the world in 37 languages, has been nominated for the 1988 Nobel peace prize, it was disclosed last night.

An all-party group of 22 MPs, headed by Dr David Owen, George Foulkes, Labour foreign affairs spokesman, and several senior Conservative backbenchers have put forward the broadcasting organization because throughout its history it has "endeavoured to live up to the BBC's motto and 'Nation shall speak peace unto nation'."

External Services, which includes the World Service, was created 55 years ago and has about 120 million listeners. Its funding, totalling £100 million, comes in grant in aid from the Foreign Office.

The wording of the MPs' nomination says that the BBC External Services has contributed to global understanding "by their work of providing an objective, unbiased, factual and accurate service of world news.This has reported the nations to one another in a calm and judicious manner.

"When mankind has so many causes for incomprehension and suspicion and so many ways and weapons to exploit those misunderstandings, we believe an organization like the BBC External Services merit the recognition of a body as authoritative as the Nobel Committee."

Land-Rover rival moves in

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

As the Land-Rover strike enters its second day the Japanese Suzuki SJ is set to take over as the best selling four-wheel-drive vehicle in Britain.

The Suzuki sales are being helped by dealers encouraging potential buyers to import them from the Continent — some are offering free air tickets to customers prepared to collect their new cars from the Netherlands.

By bringing in the Suzukis as personal imports dealers are able to sell several hundred more than would otherwise be possible under the import quota for Japanese vehicles.

A further blow to Land-Rover is that an increasing number of the Japanese "jeeps" are being imported from Spain where they are built under licence by the Santana company, which previously built Land-Rovers and is still 17 per cent owned by Land-Rover.

Mr Bill Verland, a businessman in Kent, frequently organizes trips to Rotterdam and customers personally import the suzukis through Sheerness. The Dutch Suzuki importer is able to meet the high demand because the Netherlands has no import restrictions on Japanese vehicles.

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"We will watch this development with interest", Mr Anthony Fraser, director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said yesterday. "If the volumes reach levels that make it obvious the manufacturer is circumventing the principle of prudent marketing (the import quota)then we will draw this to the attention of JAMA, our Japanese counterparts."

Some Suzuki dealers have waiting lists of six months for the popular off-road SJ. Total Suzuki imports are limited to 6,000 cars and off-road vehicles a year as part of the industry's "gentleman's agreement" which, for the last 12 years, has restricted Japanese imports to 11 per cent of the UK market.

Mr John Norman, chief executive of Heron Trading, Suzuki importers, said he was unaware of the dealers' activities

Gromyko reveals Mao's nuclear trap for US

From Philip Taubman
Moscow

Mao Tse-tung sought Soviet co-operation in 1958 for a plan to lure American troops into the heartland of China and attack them with Soviet nuclear weapons, President Andrei Gromyko reports in his recently published memoirs.

Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister from 1957 to 1985, says in the memoirs that he rejected the proposal during a secret visit to Peking in August, 1958.

He remarks on many of the famous leaders he met and worked with, yet barely mentions Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev, with whom he worked intimately as Foreign Minister but who are now in different stages of fallen grace.

The discussion with Mao appears to be the same one in which the Chinese leader, according to Soviet historians, argued that his country could survive a nuclear war, even if it lost 300 million people, and finish off the capitalists with conventional weapons. Mr Gromyko wrote that he went to Beijing Peking secretly after a visit by Khrushchev the same month.

The visit took place at a time of increasing tensions between Moscow and Peking that were little known at the time. China was seeking its own nuclear deterrent and the Russians had promised to supply an atomic bomb, only to rescind the offer in 1959.

Recalling that he was surprised by the audacity of the plan and Mao's seemingly cavalier discussion of nuclear conflict, Mr Gromyko says that he told the Chinese leader: "The scenario of war described by you cannot meet a positive response by us. I can say this with certainty."

Mao's plan, according to Mr Gromyko, anticipated a US attack on China as a result of tensions over the Chinese islands of Quemoy and Matsu. The islands, claimed by the Nationalist Chinese Government in Taiwan, became the centre of an international crisis in September, 1958.

Telling Mr Gromyko that he intended to act according to the principle of "blade against blade", Mao said his forces would retreat to the China heartland, drawing American forces after them. Once US forces were deep within the territory, Mao proposed that "the Soviet Union should catch them with all its means".

Although Mr Gromyko describes Stalin as a "tragically contradictory figure" and "a cruel man" who "created a 'monstrous tyranny". most of his comments suggest he viewed him largely as a benevolent leader. The strikingly different tone of the critical section suggests it may have been added late last year after the rest of the book was completed, and after Mr Mikhail

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Telecom cuts its Talkabout lines

British Telecom yesterday ended its Talkabout service rather than accept tough restrictions to curb abuses. Oftel, the industry's watchdog, had given Telecom two weeks to accept the controls after an investigation revealed bills of up to £3,000 being run up by teenagers.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, Oftel director general, said the service should be available only if the bill-payer requested it, and the cost should be shown separately on telephone bills. Telecom said yesterday that the conditions would have made both the adult and teenage services uneconomic, so it had suspended them from 3pm.

● Telecom was fined £50 yesterday for removing two red telephone boxes for which a preservation order had been sought. The kiosks were taken from a conservation area at Hayes Village, west London, because of a "lack of communications", Uxbridge magistrates were told.

Fireman's £60,000

A fireman injured when part of a pumping system exploded won £60,000 damages yesterday.

At the High Court in London, Hertfordshire County Council agreed to pay the compensation and costs to Mr Paul French, aged 33, of Harlow, Essex. He was based at Hertford when the accident happened.

Mr French was knocked to the ground by the blast and hit by a hose. He has since suffered deafness and blackouts and was discharged on medical grounds. He sued the council for negligence.

Pc's fifth award

A policeman received the fifth bravery award of his career yesterday, for following a woman into an Underground tunnel and dragging her from the path of a train.

Constable Mark Proctor, aged 28, put the woman on to the platform at Camden station, north London, then clambered up just in time to save himself.

PC Proctor, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, received a certificate and a cheque for £75 from Sir David Hopkin, Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London.

Curry link in deaths

Darragh Higgins aged five and his sister Gemma aged eight were found dead yesterday after eating a curry police believe was made with poisoned water.

Their sister Aisling, aged two, and father, Fergal Higgins, an electronics lecturer, were taken unconscious to hospital. Mrs Sheila Higgins was also in hospital, having raised the alarm on regaining consciousness 12 hours after the meal at the family's new bungalow outside Ballynahown, near Athlone in the Republic of Ireland.

Shooting inquiry

The Irish government last night set up its own police inquiry into Sunday's shooting of a man at a border post in Co Tyrone.

The Chief of Police in the Republic appointed Deputy Commissioner Eugene Crowley to institute an immediate inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the shooting by a Grenadier Guard of Mr Aidan McAnespie.

The move will be interpreted as a sign of Dublin's deep mistrust of their impartiality in investigating the shooting.

TUC acts on union

Leaders of the electricians' union have been ordered to appear before the General Council of the TUC next month to face possible suspension over their recruitment of members at News International plants during the Wapping dispute.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said it was "a matter of exceptional gravity".

Mr Willis told the TUC's finance and general purposes committee yesterday that the union's leaders should have a chance to speak before any decisions.

Fans' freedom hope

Defence lawyers believe all 20 Liverpool football supporters being held in a Belgian prison on manslaughter charges arising out of the Heysel Stadium riot will be freed by a Brussels court today.

The Brussels Appeal Court will announce whether they should be released on sureties of up to £3,200 amid growing criticism of the Belgian authorities.

Twenty-five men were extradited to Belgium last September over the 1985 European Cup final riot which killed 39 people. Five have since been released on condition they return for the trial and the remainder were freed two weeks ago but have had to remain in prison pending an appeal by the prosecution.

TGWU halts count after balloting complaints

By Roland Rudd



Mr Todd, who has called for an account of the election.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, yesterday intervened in the union's elections for a general executive council by suspending the count in the Midlands. He also launched an investigation into allegations of ballot irregularities in London and the South-east.

Mr Todd said he had been forced to take the unprecedented action because of complaints over the procedure of the election in the Midlands-based Region Five. Today he will meet Mr Jim Hunt, the secretary, who will be asked for an account of the conduct of the election.

Mr Todd's move to suspend the count in the Midlands comes in the wake of complaints from Mr Martin Russell, the secretary of branch 5/722, that his members failed to receive new membership cards to take part in the workplace ballot.

Although they were later allowed to vote by postal ballot, Mr Russell said he had "very little faith" in the union's organization. "We have grave doubts whether we were the only branch not to receive membership cards." Mr Hunt denied that the incident had anything to do with the decision to stop the count.

Mr Todd, who originally attacked reports of ballot irregularities as "unsubstantiated smears on the integrity of the union", said he had decided to investigate allegations of misconduct in the London-based Region One after Mr Ken Reid, the secretary, compiled a dossier on alleged ballot irregularities which had been sent to him by a union member.

The crucial election is being bitterly fought because of the implications it could have on the Labour Party's policy review. The soft left and centre right coalition, which captured contol of the union two years ago, backs Mr Neil Kinnock's plans to overhaul party policy. A hard left controlled union would not.

Last night Mr Mal Snow, secretary of Region Ten (Humberside), confirmed that moderates had captured a seat from the hard left. Mr Pat Ruanne, for the soft left, defeated Mrs Joan Diggle, a supporter of the hard left.

Mr Walter Greendale, former Bennite chairman, has failed to retain his seat on the executive. Mr Greendale has asked for a re-run after Mr Snow invalidated the returns from one of the branches which showed an "abnormally high return from the industry".

Union officials made clear that Mr Greendale would still have lost even if all the votes from the invalidated branch had been counted.

MPs' sniping spoils unanimous call for more health funds

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Political sniping marred the launch yesterday of a supposedly unanimous report on health service spending by an all-party group of MPs.

At one point, Mr Terence Higgins, MP for Worthing, the Conservative chairman of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, called for order as a Labour MP clashed with a Conservative opponent.

Mr David Winnick, the Labour MP for Walsall North, interrupted Mr Neil Hamilton, the Conservative MP for Tatton, to insist that "we are as badly divided in committee as we are downstairs". The report had been signed by all committee members only because it was so "innocuous", he added.

Mr Higgins countered that it was remarkable that the committee had achieved such a degree of unanimity on such a controversial topic.

With the Government bracing itself for bruising exchanges in tomorrow's debate on the public spending White Paper and for a sustained Labour onslaught in the run-up to an expected tax-cutting Budget on March 15, yesterday's evidence of conflict within the committee will come as welcome relief.

The Government was concerned that the committee's qualified support for higher health spending would have been used as ammunition in the long-running party political battle over the service.

The report, the result of the committee's examination of the Government's total public spending plans for the next three years, makes two key points in relation to the health service — both of which are potentially damaging to the ministerial case that there can be no extra funds in the Budget.

It says additional spending on the health service could be increased during 1988-89 by £1 billion to £2 billion, without breaching the Government's commitment to reduce it as a proportion of gross domestic product.

Also, the Government should remove "damaging uncertainty" among health authorities about their spending plans for the coming year by announcing it will fund in full the pay awards it approves after the review body and trade union negotiations.

Conservative members of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, realizing the potential damage to the Government of the report, were quick to qualify it. Mr John Watts, the Conservative MP for Slough, repudiated the section dealing with pay awards. Such a funding commitment from the Government would amount to a "blank cheque", he said.

Mr Watts and Mr Hamilton declared themselves firmly in favour of tax cuts and against higher health service spending.

During the Westminster press conference to launch the report, drawn up by 12 MPs with a Conservative chairman and an overall majority, Mr Winnick laughed derisively when Mr Watts described tax cuts as "leaving more money in people's pockets" and highlighted the "massive scope" for closer monitoring of the performance of the £22 billion-a-year service.

Labour MPs on the committee were backed by Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak.

Mr Beaumont-Dark, while urging the Treasury to mount a rigorous long-term investigation into the efficiency of the health service, said that with £6 billion in the kitty, there was no moral justification for not increasing spending immediately by at least £1 billion.

Last night the Royal College of Nursing welcomed the report. Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary, said the momentum for full funding of the nurses' pay award had been gathering pace.

Treasury and Civil Service Committee, second report: The Government's public expenditure plans 1988-89 to 1990-91. Command 288, Stationery Office (£6.30).

Best-seller for Stalker



Mr John Stalker, former deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, signing a copy of his book, *Stalker*, for Police Constable Harry Greig at Dillons bookshop, central London, yesterday. The book has had eight reprints since its publication two weeks ago, and 75,000 copies have been dispatched for sale.

Mr Stalker replied to comments yesterday by Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary that Mr Stalker lacked maturity and the ability to carry out an investigation into allegations that the RUC had operated a "shoot to kill" policy in Northern Ireland.

Mr Stalker said: "I do not want to prolong a war of words between the two of us and he is obviously under pressure to say something".

● Detectives from Staffordshire flew to Northern Ireland yesterday to begin an investigation into possible disciplinary action against members of the RUC.

(Photograph: Paal Levelace). Parliament, page 4

Threat to training for child nurses

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Nurse managers in Manchester have warned that they may not be able to send staff on a children's intensive care course because they will get no money to employ replacement nurses.

The warning came as a hospital in Dallas, Texas, began recruiting nurses in Birmingham, where there is a critical shortage of trained staff.

Mrs Anne MacDonald, director of nursing services at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital who is helping to coordinate one of the first paediatric intensive care courses outside London, said that the region had allocated only £13,000 a year for the course.

"The money will pay the salary of the clinical teacher but little else", Mrs MacDonald said. "I will find it difficult to second even one nurse to the course as we will have to continue paying her salary as well as taking on an extra staff nurse."

Other districts in the North Western Region were in similar difficulties in spite of there being a vital need for a specialist children's course, she said. The Royal Manchester has five intensive care unit beds and is hoping to expand to eight, increasing the number of trained nurses needed from 25 to 40.

The Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street is the only place which runs a course in paediatric intensive care and last year trained nine nurses. There were an estimated 500 posts to fill.

The Manchester course is designed for six to eight nurses on a six-month course. Other courses are planned at Birmingham and Guy's Hospital, in London.

Senior nurse advisers have called on the Government to top-slice money for specialist nurse training to stop health authorities cutting back on training courses. "Post basic training now has to compete with hip and heart operations", said Mrs Rita Le Var, professional adviser in general and paediatric nursing at the English National Board, which has to approve all training courses. "Often the first thing to go is nurse training."

Yesterday the Department of Health admitted that it had no idea how much regions spent on specialist courses and said that post basic training was a matter for health authorities to determine from their budgets, and would depend on the specialties most urgently needed.

Last year the English National Board received £79 million from the DHSS to pay for teachers and the costs of running basic training courses throughout the country.

Regional health authorities paid £367 million on basic training.

● Mr Charles Collier, the uncle of Matthew Collier who died after heart surgery which had been postponed three times because of a shortage of specialist nurses at Birmingham Children's Hospital, has complained that the sermon delivered by Deaconess Beryl Morgan at the funeral was used for political comment on the National Health Service. "A child's funeral should not have been used like that. We are not disagreeing with what she said, but it was said at the wrong time."

Patent life for drugs may be cut

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

The health service will save millions of pounds in its £2 billion a year drugs bill through a change in the law being considered by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, is understood to support a reform drawn up by Lord Rea, a Labour peer and doctor, which will bring to the market earlier cheaper versions of some of the most expensive and widely used brand-name medicines.

It will halve the 20-year unchallenged monopoly enjoyed by brand-name drugs.

The change to 10 years will mean generic versions of such popular drugs as Zantac, used for peptic ulcers, will become available in 1993 — four years earlier than proposed.

Supporters of the reform predict the saving to the health service on this drug alone will be £30 million.

The Government is likely to reveal its enthusiasm for the 10-year monopoly on March 10 during the report stage of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill. Originally ministers planned to abolish licences of right.

In recent years the Government and the multi-nationals have supported abolition on the grounds that the new sophisticated medicines need years of research and safety tests.

Last night a spokesman for the independent generic industry said the 10-year copyright was "a thoroughly acceptable compromise".

British-Japanese enterprise

500 new jobs for van plant

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The former Bedford van plant at Luton, which is now a joint British-Japanese venture, is to recruit 500 workers for a night shift, it was announced yesterday.

It means a return to double-shift production after a 10-year break; output will rise to 34,000 vans this year, compared with 19,000 last year. The plant, IBC Vehicles, is jointly owned by General Motors and Isuzu and builds vans designed by Isuzu and Suzuki.

A year ago the Bedford workforce was cut by 1,800 and resistance among the 1,200 remaining to the introduction of Japanese working practices threatened plans to keep the plant open.

The changes were accepted and the improved efficiency has helped to cut losses. Productivity has increased about 70 per cent.

More than 14,000 vans will be exported this year. As the first of those bound for Portugal and France rolled off the production line yesterday, Mr Nick Reilly, vice president of IBC, said: "The van plant lost £25 million in the 12 months before IBC Vehicles was started, last October.

"Although we will not get into the black in the first year, we hope to return to a modest profit in the second year of operation.

"It took the likelihood of closure to focus the minds of the workforce. It was not possible under the old company to make the changes bit by bit that were needed, it had to be a fairly dramatic change, so I would not blame the previous management."

Under the new regime there is no clocking on. Sick pay has been introduced, but absenteeism, which was running at 9 per cent, has fallen to 5 per cent. All staff share the same car park.

The night shift will start in June. Maintenance engineers are to be moved on to the production lines, where they will assist assembly workers and repair faults immediately.

In three years up to 1987 Bedford invested £70 million modernizing the plant but it continued to lose money and was sold to the joint venture for £8 million.

IBC executives are considering switching to a European engine to increase British components for the Midi and Rascal vans from less than 70 per cent to more than 80 per cent.

Tal scoops chess cash as Kasparov falters

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Mikhail Tal, a former world champion, won the world blitz chess championship in Canada where he defeated Russian compatriot Rafael Vaganian 4-0 in the final.

Tal's victory was worth 50,000 Canadian dollars, a record prize for a tournament in North America, and was greeted with a 10-minute standing ovation by more than 1,000 spectators who had been following the games, which are limited to 10 minutes, on gigantic electric screens that are expected to revolutionize chess as a spectator sport.

The tournament in Saint John, New Brunswick, was marked by several upsets, the biggest being the defeat of Gary Kasparov, the world champion who produced a feeble display against Kyril Georgiev of Bulgaria in the quarter finals. Kasparov was a queen and a bishop up at one stage.

Earlier, Jon Speelman, the British world title contender, was eliminated by Michael Wilder of the United States.

Briton feared dead in ski fire

By Howard Foster

Fears were growing last night that a newly-married British woman may have died when fire swept through a Bulgarian ski resort hotel early yesterday, killing six people.

The Falcon travel company named her as one of their representatives. Mrs Karen Whinnerah, aged 23, from Sale in Cheshire, lived in the Hotel Moussala at the popular mountainside resort of Borovets, near Sofia.

The company said no-one had yet identified any of the bodies as hers, but it was seriously worried.

She was married three weeks ago to a Bulgarian, the company added.

Falcon said that Karen had apparently been seen visiting victims of the blaze in hospital, but she had not contacted her London office all day and it appeared that previous sightings may have been mistaken.

The Bulgarian Embassy in London said 32 of the 182 people staying at the hotel were in hospital. Eight were British tourists, although none was seriously injured.

Survivors flown back to Britain last night described fire precautions at the hotel as "a shambles" and the two British companies which organized holidays for 47 Britons at the hotel, Global Ski and Falcon Holidays, announced that they were to hold an investigation into conditions there.

Miss Sally Anderson, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, said: "There was only one fire escape and no alarm or anything. We were just woken up by screaming and breaking glass."

An emergency telephone number for relatives of those believed to be staying at the hotel is 01 290 1100.

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Claimants still face hurdles in fight for justice

In the second of two articles on the new product liability law, Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at how far the law will help victims in practice.

The legal battle for compensation for victims of thalidomide — and recently that by alleged Opren sufferers — emphasized shortcomings in the law on damages for defective products.

Now, at last, reform is afoot: next week the new product liability law comes into force under the Consumer Protection Act 1987, aimed at making manufacturers strictly liable for defective goods, without the victim having to prove negligence in the courts.

At the same time the Lord Chancellor has indicated he favours a change in the law to help victims of drugs or disasters join together to fight their claims jointly in the courts through "class actions". These are prevented by current court procedures and obstacles in securing legal aid.

In the meantime, under the new law, how much better off will victims in practice be?

Mr Mark Mildred, a solicitor with Pannone Napier, the firm specializing in large-scale claims over drugs and disasters, says: "For the ordinary individual, the new law will be quite helpful. The burden of proof has been shifted to the manufacturer and it is unlikely that they would want to spend £50,000 to £100,000 fighting a claim in court worth £10,000."

For groups of claimants, he believes the fight for compensation could still be quite tough. They no longer have to prove the manufacturers were negligent, although there remains the hurdle of proving the product caused the damage.

Instead however the Act's definition of what is a "defective" product — that is, that its safety was not what people are generally entitled to expect — could lead to endless argument between lawyers.

"The concept of a defect is closely allied to negligence, with the same kind of test: if you give a drug to healthy people, the standard of safety must be higher than if you give ill people a life-saving drug — such as an Aids vaccine — and it has side effects."

Manufacturers will be able to protect themselves with this concept of a "defect", he says, and do not really need the "development risks" defence.

It is the "development risks" defence, the Consumers' Association says, that is one of the Act's main loopholes. Manufacturers can protect themselves against claims if they can prove that scientific knowledge at the time the product was marketed was such that they could have not reasonably seen the defect.

The new law nonetheless has big implications for industry and also for the health service. Solicitors' firms have already drawn up guidance on it for their clients. Although it is UK legislation, it affects importers and distributors in other parts of the EEC where the ultimate customer is this country.

Liability in many cases can be avoided if someone involved in supplying the product further up the chain can be identified.

This means health authorities, for instance, will have to keep accurate records of every drug or surgical product, such as pacemaker wires screws and prostheses, put into patients so that in the event of a defect, and provided they were not negligent themselves, liability can be passed on to the manufacturer.

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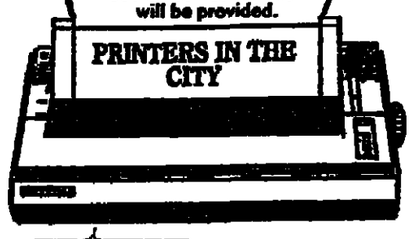
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'The coach was going to hit the van. The van exploded and just disintegrated'

Mystery of U-turn that caused fatal pile-up on the M4

Eye-witnesses at one of Britain's worst motorway crashes spoke yesterday of how the van at the centre of the pile-up on September 9 last year appeared to explode and break up.

Four people died in the crash, on the M4 near Heston services, west London, which involved two coaches, a van, a lorry and four cars.

Mr Peter Clarke, who had driven one of the coaches, the National Rapide service from Penzance, told an inquest at Hammersmith, west London, yesterday: "I was in the offside carriageway when I saw a blue vehicle disintegrating in the centre lane. It was totally unrecognizable as the vehicle approached me. My speed at that time was 60-65 mph."

Mr Francis Mann, of St James Road, Goffs Oak, Hertfordshire, was driving west when he saw another coach. He said: "I was just about to overtake the coach when I saw a van and thought he had a puncture. It was then that it occurred to me that the coach was going to hit the van. The van appeared to explode and just disintegrated."

Mr David Knight, who was driving the Blue Angel Motors coach, said he saw the 7½-ton blue van resting on the hard shoulder.

"Then I saw he was going to make a U-turn. I could not believe my eyes. The van came straight out. He was 50 yards in front of me. I moved to the fast lane to try to avoid him. It was a head-on crash. They cut me out of the coach."

Dr Susan Claydon, who conducted the post-mortem examinations on all four victims, said death would have been instant.

Dr John Burton, the coroner, ruled that all four deaths were accidental but made three recommendations concerning seat belts in coaches and seat padding and ordered that the inquest findings be sent to the Department of Transport's Transport and Road Research Laboratory at Bracknell.

He said he could not bring any verdict of unlawful killings because that would imply murder or manslaughter, which was not an option open to him under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, the section under which the driver would have been charged if he was still alive.

Earlier Dr Burton had said that he saw no reason for the van to have been on that road. He said it appeared that the Bedford van had tried to do a U-turn.

"The van was delivering cans to Chiswick and north-west London. I can see no reason at all why the van should have been on the motorway", he said.

He told the court that the driver of the van was unfamiliar with the route.

The four people who died were Robert Moxon, aged 55, a professional driver, of Stansfeld House, Longfield Estate, Bermondsey, south London, who died of multiple injuries; James McDermott, aged 15, of Kingston Mansions, Clapham Road, The Oval, south London, who worked part-time; John Pearson, aged 67, a retired engineer, of Durham House, Somerset Close, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire; and Sandra Bailowitz, aged 49, of River Ride, Old Pallisade Road, Fort Lee, New Jersey, in the United States. Mr Stephen Brooks, the district manager of Maison Caurette, a wine merchant's, said that Mr Moxon, who was driving the van, was a driver with 35 years' experience.

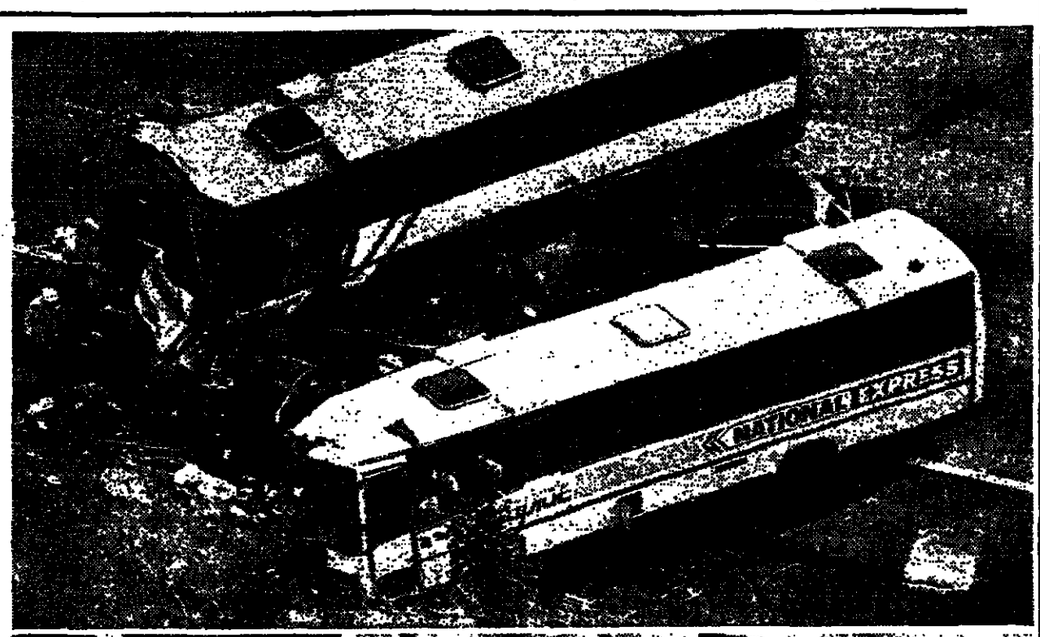
Miss Catherine McDermott, of Clapham Road, The Oval, south London, the sister of the boy who died in the van, said an arrangement with the education authorities and welfare services allowed him to work on the Youth Training Scheme. He was doing that on the day of the crash.

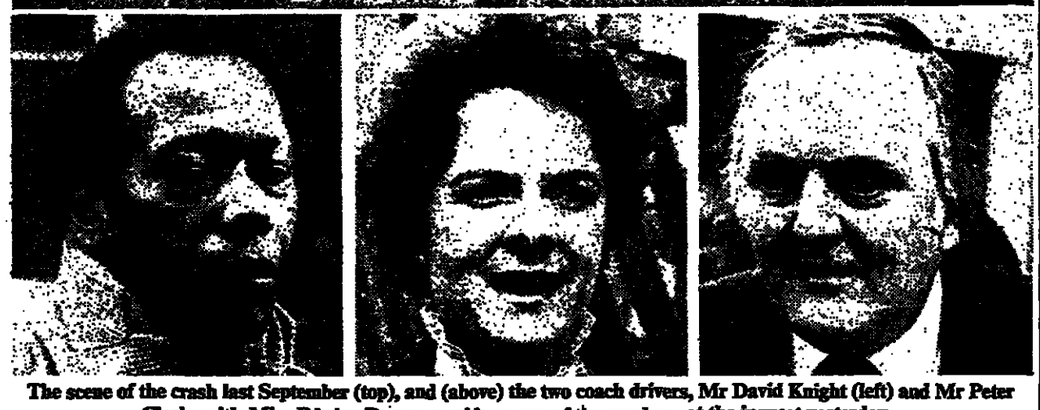
● A lorry driver was fighting for his life in hospital last night after escaping death in a 17-vehicle motorway crash.

He was trapped in his cab for almost an hour when fog brought chaos to the M62 near Rochdale, Greater Manchester.

The driver, who has not yet been named, suffered serious injuries. Five other people were also hurt.

Police blamed excessive speeds in poor visibility.





The scene of the crash last September (top), and (above) the two coach drivers, Mr David Knight (left) and Mr Peter Clarke with Miss Edwina Dyson, a guide on one of the coaches, at the inquest yesterday.

Overtaker 'punched driver on motorway'

A motorist told yesterday how he, his friend and their girlfriends were ambushed in the outside lane of the M4. The men were dragged from their car and beaten.

Mr Tom Smith, aged 27, a service engineer, and his friend Mr Tony Burton, aged 21, who were returning to Wiltshire after a weekend camping and fishing holiday in Battle, East Sussex, said that they were attacked by the occupants of two cars who forced them to stop.

He said they were passing Reading in their BMW car when a Ford Escort tried to overtake.

Mr Smith, of New Hall Street, Swindon, Wiltshire, said: "We were in three lanes of heavy traffic and there was nowhere for me to go".

He said that the car passed on the inside and stopped in front of him. The driver got out and began kitting him.

Three men from another car joined the man, and he and his friend were kicked, punched, and left lying on the motorway, he said.

Mr Smith added: "Other cars were braking and swerving around us as the fighting was going on".

Thames Valley Police said that the incident was being investigated.

BMA to act over medical blunders

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government officials have given the first indication that they are prepared to consider a no-fault compensation scheme by which victims of medical accidents would in certain cases automatically receive damages.

The British Medical Association and many other bodies have been pressing for such a scheme for years but the Government has always ruled it out on grounds of cost.

Now officials at the Department of Health and Social Security have agreed that the BMA, together with representatives from the legal profession and insurance industry, should draw up proposals for a pilot scheme under which certain victims would be compensated.

The scheme would operate within strictly defined limits and where blame cannot be apportioned. It would not necessarily be statutory.

The move comes at a time of mounting pressure for a change in the law and an escalating number of medical negligence claims: the first legal action in Britain over a transfusion of blood contaminated by the Aids virus has just been launched and a second is coming shortly.

At the same time, claims for some 1,000 tranquillizer addicts are being coordinated in readiness for a massive claim against manufacturers; and more than 50 haemophiliacs or wives of haemophiliacs are preparing to issue writs against health authorities over contaminated blood products.

Mr Graham Ross, of J Keith Park and Co, Stockport, who is coordinating 90 firms of solicitors on the tranquillizer claims, said: "The numbers coming forward are growing daily. I am particularly anxious to contact anyone who took part in the Ativan field trials in the 1970s to help in collating evidence for the case."

Today a campaign for wholescale reform to help groups of victims win damages over defective drugs is to be launched by those who took on the battle for the alleged sufferers of the anti-arthritis drug Opren.

The campaigners are to press for abolition of the "development risks" defence which, under the new product liabiity law which comes into force next week, gives manufacturers a defence against claims.

Alternatively they want a no-fault compensation scheme: one option would be for the pharmaceutical industry to be required to contribute a percentage of profits.

A third option would be for a change in the law to allow class actions to be financed by the legal aid fund, without a means test.

The campaign, to be led by Mr Des Wilson, coordinator of Citizen Action, coincides with an announcement yesterday that 98 per cent of claims between alleged Opren sufferers and the drug's manufacturer Eli Lilly have been settled.

Education finds new inspiration in maths, but suffers growing pains in English

Boy, 8, sets O level record

A boy aged eight has beaten the record set by Ruth Lawrence to become the youngest person to pass mathematics O level.

Ganesh Sittapalam, from Surbiton, Surrey, passed with a Grade A, the top grade, in the Cambridge Board examination, which he entered as a private student among pupils twice his age.

Ruth Lawrence passed the same examination when she was aged nine, and was accepted for a place at Oxford University four years later.

Ganesh, who attends Surbiton High School, said: "I am now working on my mathematics A level. I hope to get a place at either Oxford or Cambridge universities to study mathematics as soon as possible."

His father, Mr Arjuna Sittapalam, aged 42, an investment expert with the Swiss Bank in London, is a PhD in mathematics.

Mr Sittapalm said: "I have encouraged Ganesh with his work but I've always avoided pushing him.



Ganesh Sittapalam: moving quickly on to his A level

"He showed an early interest in numbers and I simply encouraged him when he bombarded me with questions."

Mrs Nela Sittapalam, aged 41, said: "The incredible thing is that Ganesh was a lazy baby who walked and talked late. He suddenly shot ahead when he was two years old.

"We sent him to play school because he was so active, but he soon got tired of painting pretty pictures.

"By the age of 3½ years he was attending a proper school and doing normal lessons."

Ganesh is set special mathematics lessons at Surbiton High School and receives private tuition from his father every evening.

The school said: "Ganesh has already passed the standard of pupils twice his age. Now he is charging his way through the mathematics A level course and enjoying every minute of it.

"He will soon be beyond our teaching capabilities. A university will be the only place he can continue his mathematics studies."

GCSE course condemned

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Pressure from examiners on English teachers of the new General Certificate of Secondary Education is reaching "ludicrous" proportions, and making the subject increasingly unpopular, a head teacher said yesterday.

Mr Geoffrey Samuel, head of the Heathland School, Hounslow, west London, said the assessment of course work in English syllabuses was taking up a total of 38 teacher days in his school.

"At another school, which I cannot name, the burden of work on pupils has been so much that not one fifth former is to do English at A level.

"It was one of the most popular options before GCSE but now they are put off."

In English, nearly all schools have been persuaded to opt for a syllabus in which all of the marks are derived from coursework carried out over the two years.

Teachers are required to "cross-moderate", so that they work together to make sure that they are marking work to the same standard, which, effectively, at least doubles teachers' weekly marking load.

"The situation is particularly acute in English because it is alone in having this emphasis on 100 per cent coursework", Mr Samuel said.

"The danger is that the educational establishment — its advisers and inspectors, for example — has not really thought through the implications of this and this has led to boards making indicrous demands on schools."

At Heathlands, staff were trying to reduce the burden by concentrating solely on the GCSE work, leaving out other work that they would otherwise have included.

Mr Samuel said that in many schools, teachers were making the error of trying to impose GCSE on a regular syllabus.

He also criticized the English syllabus. "I am not happy about the extent to which oral methods are taking precedent over what literature is all about.

"For example, having to write a local paper interview with Lord Macbeth is all very well but it has little to do with the literature itself."

At Graveney School in Streatham, south London, the headteacher, John Phillips, banned homework for two weeks before mock examinations in December because children were working at home for nearly 40 hours a week to complete their course work assignments.

He found that some children were working through the night to finish projects; 47 of his 300 GCSE candidates were working up to 10 hours each weekend and 22 were working for four hours a night.

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Foetus test may solve rape claim

By David Sapsted

A frozen human foetus is to be used in a "genetic fingerprinting" test by London detectives investigating the alleged rape of a young Asian woman, Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday.

It is thought to be the first time in a criminal investigation that the tests have been conducted on an embryo. The 12-week-old foetus was aborted at The London Hospital after the woman said she became pregnant when she was allegedly raped by a London solicitor at a job interview.

The solicitor denied having intercourse with the woman and supplied police with blood and semen samples which will be matched against the pattern of DNA from cells in the foetus, which the woman agreed could be frozen for forensic purposes.

Police believe it will be several weeks before the outcome of the tests is known. A report is then likely to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions who will decide what, if any, action to take.

Cellmark Diagnostics, a British firm which has developed the technique, said similar tests had been done on aborted embryos in two paternity cases yet to come before the courts.

Cellmark has conducted about 5,000 genetic fingerprint tests, two of which have led to criminal convictions in recent months. One was in the case of the killings of two teenage girls who had been sexually assaulted; the other led to the jailing of a man who raped his stepdaughter, aged 11, and made her pregnant.

Late-running legend keeps them waiting on platform 8

By Alan Hamilton

There is about as much chance of Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni, being buried under platform 8 of King's Cross station as there is that she died of boredom waiting for the 5.37 to Huntingdon.

Reports circulating in recent days have attempted to resurrect the ancient myth that the original Iron Lady, who wreaked unspeakable vengeance on the Roman immigrant population of Londinium in AD61, reposes beneath one of the busiest corners of the entire Network SouthEast. There should now be a broadcast announcement apologizing for the late running of this legend.

At least one newspaper claimed at the weekend that ancient maps had shown conclusively the queen's last resting place to be just outside the King's Cross buffet, and that unnamed "leading archaeologists" were agitating for a full-scale investigation.

The truth is less exciting. Mr Howard Johnston, editor of a weekly newspaper in St Neots, Cambridgeshire, had merely aired the old and unproven story in a column he writes for a railway magazine. "I have no wish whatsoever to dig up platform 8", Mr Johnston said yesterday.

British Rail said it had not the slightest shred of evidence that a British queen lay beneath their tracks. "King's Cross was built in 1851 on the site of an old asylum. Any bones down there are not going to have 'Boudicca' written through them like a stick of rock, are they?" an Eastern Region spokesman said. "We have just spent thousands of pounds resurfacing platform 8 with terrazzo tiling, so anyone who wanted to dig it up would have to have a pretty good excuse."

Miss Christine Jones, curator in the Roman department at the Museum of London, said yesterday that if the original British hit-and-run guerrilla was indeed at rest under King's Cross, it would be most exciting, but the possibility was virtually nil. "She attacked Colchester, then London, then St Albans, where she had her last battle against Suetonius Paulinus. There was no reason for her to come back to London.

"The Roman historian Dio records that she took ill and died, and that her body was given back to the British for an imperial burial. But that almost certainly took place well north of London", Miss Jones said.

The King's Cross myth may have arisen because the area used to be known as Battle Bridge; it was therefore assumed that some significant engagement must have taken place on that spot. But Tacitus records that Boudicca's celebrated encounter took place by a hill and a deep defile, features in which the King's Cross area is noticeably deficient.

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Mileage fixed on new car

Ian Sexton, a director, and Paul Bennett, a salesman, of Worthing Nissan Garages, West Sussex, were fined £900 after they admitted selling a new car with a false mileage.

Worthing magistrates were told yesterday the speedometer on a Sunny was disconnected before it was driven 464 miles from Glasgow. The garage's parent company was fined £500.

Bath fights for painting

Fund to buy Gainsborough

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Staff at the Holburne of Menstrie Museum in Bath are trying to save Gainsborough's portrait of Lady Clarges from being sold at Christie's on April 15.

The painting, estimated at more than £500,000 was collected by a Christie's van, at no notice to the museum, last week.

The museum, part of Bath University, has had the painting on loan for over 20 years and had been under the impression that it would be left the painting when the owner died — but he appears to have altered his will.

Lady Louisa Clarges was a renowned harpist from the city, and a member of the Skrine family.

The museum has been given a stay of execution until this Friday to raise £200,000, which would enable the painting to be saved through the government's private treaty sale arrangements.

Mrs Barbara Robertson, chairman of the museum's trustees, said: "The painting is one of our biggest attractions. We have a busy week ahead."

Sotheby's continued its Monaco season with quality furniture on Sunday night, at which it achieved a total of 6.2 million FF (£612,648), with 10 per cent unsold.

A Louis XV commode, fetched the highest price of 1.1 million FF, (£109,683) against an estimate of up to 900,000 FF. Next came a pair of Louis XVI candlestick holders in the form of nude, dancing fauns. Estimated at up to 800,000 FF, they sold for just over 1 million FF (£104,199). The original drawing for the fauneese is preserved in the Musee des Arts Decoratifs in Paris, and this must have accounted for the figures's desirability, as well as the fact that an identical pair is in the Louvre collection.

Jean Antoine Houdon's seated statue of the philosopher Voltaire - dressed in a droopy toga, his emaciated face and hands copied from his death mask, fetched 821,400 FF (£81,166) against an unpublished estimate of 500,000 FF, selling to an anonymous buyer.

Meanwhile, Sotheby's London began a two day early English and Continental Glass sale with great success, with the highlights - Italian majolica, rare examples of signed Meissen ware - coming up today.

Top price of £10,450 was for a rare octagonal sealed wine bottle. Coloured the original bottle green, and replete with an applied seal inscribed J.M Reeve, 1738, it left its estimate of £1,500 to £2,500 standing, selling to a telephone bidder.



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CAA's air-miss inquiry decision is praised

TRANSPORT

The decision of Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, to conduct an inquiry into the air-miss reporting and investigation system was welcomed as "very sensible" by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport.

Replying to Commons questions about recent air misses, he said that the trend for these to occur had been downward in recent years.

In reply to Opposition suggestions that one solution to the overcrowding of London's skies was to initiate more international flights from the northern part of the Kingdom, Mr Channon said that the expansion of provincial airports

Expansion of provincial airports would help to ease the congestion over London

would be good for them and would help congestion over London.

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, accused Mr Channon of "becoming so complacent that he had degenerated into using claptrap".

The subject was raised by Mr James Wray (Glasgow, Provan, Lab), who said that not only had there been two near air misses in the the past fortnight but there had also been 365 near misses since 1986.

Obviously there had been many complaints to the Civil Aviation Authority office and air traffic controllers had complained about the reporting system. The skies had become like the A74 road [from Carlisle to Glasgow]. They were too crowded.

Mr Channon: He has overlooked that in recent years, the number of risk-bearing air misses for commercial air transport is going down, not up.

We must not be complacent, nor must we overreact to these situations. It is very important to understand and get them in perspective.

The air miss which occurred yesterday was between a PanAm 727 and a B-Cal BAC 1-11. The B-Cal aircraft was in level flight at 25,000 feet. The PanAm plane was descending from 31,000 feet to a cleared altitude of 26,000 feet.

Preliminary investigations are that the pilot of the PanAm aircraft descended further than the controller intended. The controller took immediate remedial action. The incident will be investigated.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) asked if Mr Channon was satisfied that everything was being done to encourage reporting of these events so that there were reliable statistics.

There was an argument for having more routes particularly across the Channel so that traffic could be more widely spread. Could he look at the MoD restrictions on Channel flying?

Mr Channon said that the CAA chairman had initiated discussions with the MoD on that very point.

The CAA chairman had initiated discussions on the air-miss reporting and investigation system. He had invited officials from the Department of Transport to participate. That was an extremely sensible idea.

Mrs Ray Michie, Liberal spokesman on transport, said that Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, had not been alarmist when he had raised this matter on February 8. "We are looking for a proper investigation into what is going on."

She went on: One does not want to be alarmist, but I fly regularly up and down from Scotland. Flying frightens the living daylights out of me. Many people are seriously worried. If there is so much air traffic in the South-east, why should not more planes fly out of Prestwick, for example?

Mr Channon said that he was looking for more planes to fly out of Prestwick and every other provincial or Scottish aerodrome. The more traffic that could be encouraged to do that, the better.

The record of near misses was going down and not up. That was the point he must make the House understand.

Mr David Steel's speech last autumn had been alarmist and extremely irresponsible and did not take the figures into account.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C), chairman of the backbench, all-party aviation committee, asked whether the inquiry into the very severe air miss a couple of weeks ago could be expanded to include the latest incident.

The time might be on the horizon when to go on having individual inquiries into air misses should be replaced by an inquiry into the whole question of air traffic control to try to reassure the many who flew and the many who lived under the flight path.

Mr Channon: Present indications are that the incident to which he is referring was not a risk-bearing air miss.

It is the chief inspector, not I, who by law decides what the Air Accident Investigation Branch is to investigate. It is quite right that he should not be under political pressure from ministers.

Any safety recommendation about the air traffic control system that emerged would be reported to the CAA without delay.

Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab) said that many northerners still had to struggle down to Heathrow and Gatwick to reach destinations abroad for which there ought to be scheduled services from Manchester.

Mr Channon replied that some new international destinations could be reached from Manchester. He hoped there would be formal discussions before long on this point with the Americans.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C) said that it was important to differentiate between reported air misses and risk-bearing air misses. In terms of reported air misses, it was four times safer to fly today than it had been 10 years ago.

On risk-bearing air misses, the figure for 1986 was only 16. For 1977, it was 45. There had been a massive improvement.

It was inconsistent that air traffic controllers, a very small

Minister has become so complacent that he has degenerated into using claptrap

minority in that field, should try to make political capital out of the present circumstances.

Mr Channon replied that Mr Colvin had put his finger on it. The trend for risk-bearing air misses was downwards over recent years. As a result, journeys by air in the London area had proved to be safer in recent years than in the past.

Mr John D. Taylor (Strangford, OUP) said that in Glasgow, Manchester and Belfast, many flights did not leave on time because of the chaos in London. Even if they did, they could not land on time for the same reason.

When was he going to stop passing the buck to the CAA and accept responsibility himself?

Mr Channon said he was not passing the buck. Safety was the paramount duty for the CAA and for the controllers even if it caused delays from time to time.

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C) said that there had been no big crash at Heathrow since 1972 — (Mr Tony Banks (Newham, North West): That's like saying we haven't had a third world war.) — There were 300,000 flights per year. That was very impressive. But it was alarming to live under the flight path.

Mr Channon said that there was an extraordinarily good record over recent years, both from pilots and air traffic controllers. They should be congratulated.

Mr Robert Hughes said that Mr Channon was becoming so complacent that he had degenerated into using claptrap.

What was a non-risk-bearing air miss? If it was not a risk, why was it reported?

The time had come for him to get all the interested parties together and to have a proper investigation into air safety. "He may think people are not worried. I can tell him they are."

Mr Channon said that that was a ridiculous question. Incidents should be reported whether or not they contained a risk. Air statistics had been compiled like this, rightly, for a great many years, including when Labour was in office.

Mr Ronald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab) said that when hundreds of lives were at risk there was a clear need not only to investigate the original individual circumstances but also the system of reporting

Mr David Ashby (North-West Leicestershire, C) asked whether it was right for the CAA to investigate itself on transport safety.

Mr Channon said air miss reports in general were widely circulated and he saw them because his civil aviation safety adviser wanted to discuss them.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said that Mr Channon's replies would not be satisfactory to all the people of London. Unlike sea or rail safety standards, which were open and visible, the CAA was not visible and not open and was judge and jury in its own court.

Mr Channon said that there were air misses when Labour was in office, so this was not a new situation. Despite Labour protestations that the situation was getting worse, it was not. In 1978 there had been 119 no-risk incidents. Traffic had increased since then but the number of no-risk incidents had decreased.



Mr Paul Channon (left), who replied to anxieties raised in the House yesterday by Mr Robert McCrindle (above right) and Mr Robert Hughes

Stalker point rejected

In exchanges on the Stalker affair during question time, a Conservative backbencher told the Attorney General that Mr John Stalker's book about his investigation into the Royal Ulster Constabulary was either a tissue of lies or a breach of confidence, but could not be both.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, did not agree.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the RUC, had said on television that Mr Stalker was thoroughly immature and that his book was a tissue of lies. "The British public should treat Mr Stalker and his book with the contempt they deserve."

Sir Patrick said that he was not responsible for the views expressed by the chief constable or anyone else. "But I can say that the Government naturally deplores any breach of confidence of the kind to which he refers."

Mr Patrick Cormack (Staffordshire South, C): Is the book a tissue of lies or a breach of confidence? Surely it cannot be both.

Sir Patrick: He speaks as though these things are mutually incompatible and as though the entire book — or any book — is wholly consistent in falling into one category or another. That is not the case.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that, although the book obviously contravened the existing Official Secrets Act, Sir Patrick was right not to prosecute.

But he should look at the other circumstances. "It is alleged that, while the report was being undertaken, details were passed on to a journalist in Manchester.

"Would he speak to the Northern Ireland Office and the Home Office and suggest, in the light of his findings, that senior officers who are put on to investigations of other police forces should be given instructions as to how they should carry out those investigations, because they are very worrying allegations."

Sir Patrick said that he would undertake to pass Mr Rees' observations both to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr Tom King) and to the Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd).

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, asked whether one of the considerations of Sir Patrick in deciding not to prosecute had been that it might have been in the public interest for the public to have a right to know Mr Stalker's conclusions on his investigations in Northern Ireland, and, if so, whether that would apply in civil proceedings.

Sir Patrick said that he took into account all the circumstances in his criminal jurisdiction.

Comic Relief demand refused

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, resisted Opposition demands to match money raised by Comic Relief pound for pound. He said that government support for the Joint Funding Scheme, which matches the cost of agreed projects pound for pound, had been increased by 50 per cent to £9 million.

Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal spokesman on foreign affairs, asked for such matching of the money raised by Comic Relief and of other money raised voluntarily in this way.

Mr Patten said that such a commitment might be a headline-making gimmick but it might limit the amount of money for the Horn of Africa. So far, the taxpayer's generosity had exceeded that of those who gave to Comic Relief.

The taxpayer had given £36 million to Ethiopia, and in the Sudan he had announced an extra £15 million for that country on top of the £10 million made available just before Christmas.

Grants for research

Lord Beaverbrook, a Government whip, paid tribute in the House of Lords to Britain's excellent scientists who ensured that the nation maintained a leading role in the development of superconducting materials.

He said that the Department of Trade and Industry and the Science and Engineering Research Council had set up a joint national committee to co-ordinate support for industrial and academic research in this field. A £16 million, three-year programme, funded jointly by the DTI and industry, had been announced to stimulate collaborative industrial research on superconductivity.

"The SERC is providing £5.3 million over six years for the research centre at Cambridge and £2 million per annum for other research grants."

Aids hospice gains £1.25m

The Government has approved two capital grants totalling £1.25 million to London Lighthouse, a hospice for Aids victims, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Social Services, disclosed.

It had also given a £100,000 grant towards this year's running costs. "We are considering with London Lighthouse and the four Thames regional health authorities its revenue-funding requirements for the coming financial year."

Gift of old textbooks

The Government is discussing a scheme to supply disused British textbooks to developing Commonwealth countries with the Rotary Club and the British Council, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said at question time.

About £1.3 million from the aid budget is reserved for spending on textbooks for schools in developing Commonwealth countries this year.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; Prime Minister. British Steel Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, report, first day. Land Registration Bill, third reading.

British Rail's chairman is accused of incompetence

TRANSPORT

The chairman of British Rail, Sir Robert Reid, was accused of being one of the most incompetent public servants in the country by Mr Peter Snape, an Opposition spokesman on transport, during question time in the House of Commons.

Mr Snape said that groups as diverse as the Transport Users' Consultative Committee, the Railway Development Society, Transport 2000, the CBI, the TUC, the *Evening Standard* Commuter Club and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, had all complained of the inadequacies, strains and overcrowding of British Rail services.

Why was it that all that emerged were platitudes in reports by civil servants?

The only people who seemed pleased by the incompetence were ministers in the Department of Transport and the greedy road lobby.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said that new quality standards had been set and accepted by British Rail in July.

Punctuality, reliability, cleanliness, overcrowding, inquiry delays and queuing for tickets were covered by the new standards.

All had been accepted by the chairman of British Rail.

In the last six months of last year, there had been improvements in punctuality and reliability in Network SouthEast commuter services.

In a further exchange during transport questions, the question of overloaded goods vehicles was raised:

● About 20 per cent of foreign goods vehicles selected on a random basis between 1980 and 1986 were overloaded by more than 5 per cent, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said during questions.

It was proposed to instal weighbridges at Ramsgate and Immingham, the two main ferry ports that lacked them. Consultations were also being held with selected port authorities about testing automatic equipment for weighing incoming lorries.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said that as the maximum penalty in magistrates' courts was only £200 magistrates should at least be encouraged to impose the maximum fine.

Mr Bottomley said there must be an effective deterrent when people were caught.

"Overweight lorries are unsafe and are cheating. They cause more damage to the roads than they are paying for."

He said later that the need was to make sure that enforcement strategy was such that people would find cheating not worth while.

Mr Tony LLoyd, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that one problem identified after the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster was the danger posed by overloaded lorries on ferries.

Mr Bottomley was being complacent.

Mr Bottomley reminded him of his (Mr Bottomley's) earlier answer concerning consultations with port authorities about testing weighing equipment.

Mayhew resists inquiry calls

SECURITY

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, resisted calls from both sides of the Commons for an inquiry into allegations of attempts by members of the security services to undermine the Labour Government of Mr Harold Wilson.

The Solicitor General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, defended the Government's legal actions to enforce the lifelong duty of confidentiality of members of the security services.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked what was the alleged breach of security committed by Mr Anthony Cavendish (the former intelligence officer whose memoirs have led to actions against *The Sunday Times* and *The Observer* newspapers).

Sir Nicholas said that, as a former member of the security services, Mr Cavendish owed a lifelong duty of confidentiality to the Crown and it was to enforce that duty that the actions had been taken.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) asked why Mr Cavendish was being treated more lightly and generously than Mr Peter Wright.

Sir Nicholas: He has not been treated in any substantially different way as a matter of principle.



Sir Patrick Mayhew: Charges investigated

Later, Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North, Lab) asked Sir Patrick Mayhew what recent consideration had been given to prosecutions in relation to alleged attempts to subvert the Wilson Government.

He urged the Attorney General to stop his inactivity. "Many of us may feel that, by not having a further inquiry, he is condoning the security services of this country acting as the second team — the backstop — to the Conservative Party."

Sir Patrick said that the Prime Minister had told the Commons last year that the allegations had been investigated by the Director General of the Security Services and that no evidence or indication of a plot against the Wilson Government by or within the security services had been found and that no other inquiry was necessary.

"It is for the Director of Public Prosecutions to decide what, if any, action is to be taken in the face of any evidence further presented relating to the commission of any possible offence."

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) said that it was the most damaging allegation that could be made against Crown servants to claim that they tried to destabilize a legally elected Government.

The best way to restore public confidence was to have an independent inquiry along the lines of the Franks inquiry into the Falklands War.

"That would lay to rest the public interest in knowing that public servants are there to uphold the institutions of this country and not to undermine them."

Sir Patrick said that, while he was responsible as the ultimate prosecuting authority, he was not responsible for whether or not there should be an inquiry.

"The Prime Minister is. She dealt with this very fully and to the satisfaction of the House in 1987."

In a later exchange, Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) called for the prosecution of Mr Chapman Pincher, for whom Mr Peter Wright had provided information.

"It is hypocritical for the Attorney General to wax lyrical about the duty of confidentiality when he knows full well that information has been provided, with full approval of the Government, to Chapman Pincher. Chapman Pincher, as the Government's mouthpiece, should be subject to prosecution as well."

Sir Patrick said that he had announced more than a year ago that Mr Pincher would not be prosecuted.

Tories refuse to admit defeat



Geoffrey Smith

There is only one thing worse than being beaten in politics, and that is to behave like a beaten person. It is a lesson that the Government seems to have taken to heart in Scotland.

Having lost 11 of 21 Conservative seats there at the general election, ministers have set out to seize the political initiative north of the border. Or, to put it another way, they are behaving as if it was the Scottish electorate, not the Conservatives, who got it wrong last June.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State, delivered on Friday to the CBI in Glasgow the third in a series of major speeches designed to convince the Scots that what they need is not less but more Thatcherism.

He extolled the enterprise culture as the alternative to subsisting upon a diet of indiscriminate subsidies. He welcomed privatization not just for the familiar reasons of increasing competition and responsiveness to consumers, but also as a means of transferring power from London to Scottish investors and Scottish managers.

Scotland is being invited, in other words, to stand on its own two feet. That is doubly daring because it conflicts both with what the Scots themselves were looking for at the last election and with how they have been governed for a great many years.

"What have they done for us?" was the question that so many Scottish voters were asking in last year's election. During that campaign it appeared to me that the enterprise culture was more widely accepted than was generally appreciated in the Midlands as well as in the South of England. It was less so in the North and least of all in Scotland.

In one sense that was surprising. Scotland has not been doing at all badly economically. But the Scots have lacked self confidence and they have become accustomed to looking to the government of the day for economic salvation.

As the provider of jobs, housing and other social amenities, public authorities — both national and local — have historically played a much larger role in Scotland than in England.

Successive secretaries of state in administrations of both parties interpreted their role as being to secure as much economic support for Scotland as possible. They often acted as economic ambassadors from Scotland to their own cabinets.

When Mrs Thatcher came to power there was no abrupt change of approach. That was understandable. Scottish secretaries of state have traditionally had to offer reassurance on two scores: to show not only that they were providing better government than the other rascals would, but also that Scotland was getting an attractive deal out of the United Kingdom.

This second consideration was a very lively issue when the first Thatcher Administration took office. That was in the wake of the Scottish nationalist surge during the 1970s and within months of the inconclusive referendum on devolution.

But times have changed. Public attitudes in much of Britain have been transformed. The enterprise culture is now far more widely accepted. The Government can point to a record of substantial economic success — and the old political strategy has failed the Conservatives in Scotland.

There is, therefore, both a political and an economic case for the new approach. The political case can be summed up in the proposition: if you cannot find the right answer, change the question. Thatcherite Conservatism is never going to win in Scotland so long as political success there goes to those who seem prepared to pay the highest subsidy.

The economic case is that if the enterprise culture works in England it should be extended to Scotland. But will it work, or rather will it be accepted, there?

That will depend partly on whether Britain as a whole enjoys another four years of economic success. Those who feel they stand a chance of winning are always more eager to compete. So it is far easier to extend the enterprise culture at a time of general prosperity.

The prospects will also depend on the degree of political sensitivity that the Government displays. One of the reasons why it did so badly in Scotland last time was that it seemed to so many Scots an alien administration. They felt that Mrs Thatcher was a distant personality with no real understanding of them.

The more that the Government appears to be taking trouble, above all the more the enterprise culture seems to be home grown, the better the chances will be.

Mr Rifkind will not transform long-standing attitudes swiftly or easily. But this is a more positive approach than has been applied to the government of Scotland for many a year.

House of Lords procedure

Peers back away from time-limit plan

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Peers have backed away from a change that would have involved those of them who spoke for longer than 15 minutes being faced future by the digits of the clocks in the chamber changing to red.

The House of Lords procedure committee examined the reform, proposed by a group on the working of the House, but, because of disagreement among peers, decided to "look into the issue further".

However, the House of Lords yesterday approved the committee's report for a general tightening up of procedures to ensure the smooth running of the Upper House.

It was the final stage in an initiative announced by Lord Whitelaw, the former leader of the House, in the wake of tension in previous sessions when the peers faced an unusually heavy workload and the Government suffered a series of defeats.

He set up an all-party group to investigate the working of the House and recommend possible changes.

As a result of a questionnaire to all peers by the group, it was decided to keep the present system of self-regulation and strongly opposed the idea of installing a Speaker with the sort of powers enjoyed by Speaker Weatherill over recalcitrant MPs.

The procedure committee did agree to make a report on any procedural difficulties that arose in a previous session. A new edition of the *Companion to Standing Orders*, the peers' rule book, will also be published with greater emphasis on order and procedure.

The procedure committee has approved restrictions on question time both on the number of questions asked and the time taken. But it did not fully support the group's call for the leader of the House to intervene if questions go on longer than 30 minutes. It recommended that it should be left to the leader's discretion.

First Report of House of Lords' Select Committee on Procedure of the House (Stationery Office; £1.40).

Ministers' shopping centre displeases MPs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

State munificence may be finished in mainland Britain, but not in Northern Ireland.

The Commons public accounts committee has unearthed a case of ministers deciding to proceed with the development of a Londonderry shopping centre despite the misgivings of their civil servants, and selling it after completion at a loss of £5.15 million.

The Northern Ireland Department of Environment inherited a large, derelict site in the middle of Londonderry from the defunct Londonderry Development Commission in 1973.

In 1976, negotiations with a private developer collapsed when it became clear that he could not raise the money, and the department decided to press on by itself. It established a design team, which produced a plan. The lowest tender received was for £9.9 million.

On the basis of a maximum estimated loss of £550,000 and maximum estimated profit of £2.12 million, ministers agreed that building should begin in March 1982.

The Richmond Centre was completed by November 1984 at an actual cost of £12.05 million. The Government sold the shops for £5.3 million and kept the office accommodation, which it had always acknowledged could never be let at an economic rent. The overall loss was calculated to be £5.15 million.

Under questioning by Mr Michael Latham, a Tory member of the committee, department officials said that Department of Environment and Department of Finance civil servants had sent formal submissions to ministers warning of possible losses.

The ministers had decided to proceed none the less because they wanted to create jobs, restore commercial confidence, and improve Londonderry's image.

Mr Latham expressed surprise that "a Conservative Government decided to go ahead knowingly with a loss-making scheme. In any other part of Britain it would have been left to private enterprise."

Torment of policemen who face and fire guns

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Police officers involved in shooting incidents often suffer sleepless nights, bouts of crying and other physical and psychological effects months and even years later, a Home Office study says.

It recommends that firearms courses should include psychological training to help policemen cope with the long-term effects, as well as immediate emotional support after an incident.

The study, of 25 officers who had wounded or killed while on duty, finds that at the point of greatest danger, most men became extremely calm. Four reported feelings of intense fear were rapidly replaced by overwhelming anger.

Distortions of perception were reported by about 60 per cent of officers. Two had not heard gunshots while another had not heard his colleague shout the required warning.

Time appearing to slow down and tunnel vision were also mentioned. The end of his adversary's shotgun looked like a pair of binoculars to one officer.

Another said he had hardly registered the sound of his own gun firing, but that of his partner seemed so loud that it was ringing in his ears for hours.

Only one man reported feeling terrified throughout an incident. He fired several bullets into the swing door in front of him and his hands were trembling so much that he had difficulty in reloading his weapon. The study says he acted with great bravery.

About two thirds of the officers had a marked emotional reaction. The study, reported in the February issue of *Police* magazine, says that in no case did the psychological aspects of killing or being involved in a life threatening situation form a part of the training course.

The report says mistaken identity can lead to the shooting of innocent people. "It is the unexpected which is associated with such mistakes.

"They do not appear to occur in the course of the well-practised battle-drill which involve a certain necessary amount of ruthlessness and which was essential for the protection of the police officer and for the accomplishment of his task. No change is needed unless there were to be devised a quick acting means of immobilizing the criminal presumably temporarily so that he or they could be arrested without a gun battle."

About two thirds of the police involved in the research are still firearms officers. The study, described as "the first careful examination of post-shooting experiences of officers in Great Britain", was produced in response to a request by the Association of Chief Police Officers' working party on police stress, and recommends:

- Firearms training should prepare officers for the realities of a shooting;
- Immediate psychological support should be provided;
- Where possible access to a confidential counsellor should be offered;
- Whatever the outcome of the shooting incident, the officer reponsible should not be ostracized by the police force.

The officer is likely to be in a state of physical and mental shock and confusion. The study suggests that some way of delaying the formal investigation should be considered to give the officer the chance to recover from the initial effects of his experience.

The officer should be protected from unwelcome publicity, and if suspended, he should have access to close personal friends in the service. The recommendations are being implemented.

After the shooting, immediate reactions varied from feelings of relief or even elation that it was over to quite serious shock. About half the officers interviewed said they had no regrets. They felt they were justified in firing.

One or two of these, however, said that they felt sorrow for the dead man's family. The remainder felt sad or guilty about the wounding or death but had eventually accepted it. One officer tried to resuscitate the man he had killed. He remained distressed for a long time.

Emotional reaction among officers usually started several hours after the shooting, with the most commonly reported symptom being that of thinking over the incident repeatedly and continuously for days.

Other common experiences were loss of sleep, sudden waking, cold sweats, nightmares and bouts of crying. Some officers also reported digestive upsets and loss of appetite and one man said some of his hair had turned grey.

Feelings of anxiety and depression accompanied by some degree of social withdrawal were also common. In most cases the symptoms cleared within several weeks or months.

There were, however, at least three cases of severe post traumatic stress.

One officer wept occasionally 12 years after the incident. Another reported that he had no feelings about the man he had wounded. But he found the act of shooting was so repellent to him, because it was the complete antithesis of all he felt policing stood for, that he experienced a migraine continuously for several months and partial loss of sensation in the right side of his body.

A third officer suffered from severe depression for about two years and continuous digestive upsets. He played slot machines at the police club to distract himself and sought help only after incurring a large debt.

Study of Post Shooting Experiences in Firearms Officers by Mary Manolias, Scientific Research and Development Branch, Home Office, and Dr A Hyatt-Williams, Consultant Psychiatrist (Scientific and Technical Library, Home Office, Horseferry House, Dean Ryle Street, London SW1P 2AW; free).

Firemen 'ran for their lives' from Tube inferno

Firemen told the King's Cross inquiry yesterday that they ran for their lives when the ticket hall was suddenly engulfed in thick black smoke.

Temporary leading fireman David Flanagan, of the Clerkenwell fire station Red Watch, said he received what are believed to have been the last orders of Station Officer Colin Townsley, among the 31 who died in the blaze in the Underdground station on November 18.

"Station Officer Townsley told me to go back and 'make pumps four, persons reported'," he said. The inquiry, now in its fourth week, has heard that this order was intended to warn fire brigade controllers that members of the public were at risk in the fire.

Mr Flanagan said he had walked only a few paces towards the exit when "the whole ticket hall area became engulfed in intense heat and thick black smoke.

"The whole area was then plunged into complete darkness and all that could be heard was people screaming. There was no time to start up our breathing apparatus sets.

"In order that we would not become trapped I shouted to the crew to get out. We then ran for our lives back along the subway we had entered by."

Temporary Station Officer Vernon Trefry fell over from heat exhaustion and feared he might die only feet from the flames in the station ticket hall, the inquiry was told.

Mr Trefry sat in silence as his evidence was read. He told how he and a crew faced intense heat in the ticket hall as they aimed hosejets at the flames, amid badly burned bodies. They were forced either to crawl or squat, because of the heat.

"I turned round, squatting, and at that point, my legs gave way from under me," his statement said.

"I managed to get squatting again and the men behind me asked if I was all right. I replied that I thought I was, but it was time for me to get out."

Questioned by Mr Lionel Read, QC, counsel for the London Underground, Mr Flanagan said when he first arrived in the ticket hall he had not seen anyone using the escalators.

"But in the last 30 seconds before we were engulfed in smoke, people started to come up the Victoria line escalator", he said. "That is when we knew something was going wrong."

Questioned by Mr Benet Hytner QC, counsel for the Fire Brigades Union, Mr Flanagan said he had not been wearing PVC firefighters' gloves. Experience and knowledge of what had happened to others made him fear they would melt in extreme heat.

Fireman M. Singh said that just after Station Officer Townsley's order, they were suddenly, without warning, engulfed in intense heat and black smoke.

He was unable to start up his breathing set. "All I could do was turn and run back along the subway we had made our entrance from".

Visibility was nil and he shouted Mr Flanagan's nickname: "Bud, Bud" so he could get a bearing of which way he should go and so the crew could keep in contact.

The hearing continues today.

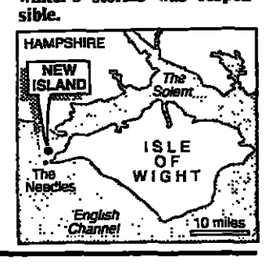
Cricketers pitch Union Jack to claim new island



Cricketing enthusiasts David Write, batsman, and Alan Deebank, have launched a sporting assault on a shingle island which has formed half a mile north of The Needles.

They live on the Isle of Wight and are members of the West Island Cricket Club who took their positions with the intention of claiming the new island for the "Empire".

The island has formed in the middle of the western approach to the Isle of Wight and is half a mile long, 250 yards at its widest point and 30ft at its highest point. A combination of exceptionally low tides and strong currents which swept up shingle lost from beaches during this winter's storms was responsible.



Gardener awarded £80,000

A gardener who had a leg amputated after falling from a tree in his employer's garden has been awarded damages of £80,000 at the High Court in London.

Mr James Garrett, of Meadow Road, Wentworth, Surrey and his company, James Garrett and Partner Ltd, denied liability for the accident in 1983 to Mr Frederick Lay, aged 37, of Chaucer Way, Addlestone, Surrey. The settlement, against both parties, was made out of court.

Inquest opens

An inquest was opened and adjourned in London yesterday into the death of a man believed to be Mr Derek Bainbridge, aged 40, of Worksop, Nottinghamshire, who burnt to death in a car near 10 Downing Street.

Claim settled

A settlement was reached at an industrial tribunal yesterday between Mr Rory Miln, aged 37, former director of studies and head of classics, and Ruthin School in Clwyd over his claim that he was unfairly dismissed last year.

Poison alert

Packets of castor oil plant seeds, which contain a poison used to kill a Bulgarian journalist in London 10 years ago, should be kept away from children, the Consumers' Association said yesterday.

Marquess ill

The Marquess of Tavistock, aged 48, heir to the Duke of Bedford, is in a London hospital after suffering a stroke at his home, Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire.

Prison barricade men killed in cell blaze

By Kerry Gill

Two inmates at Craiginches Prison, Aberdeen, died after a fire broke out in their cell on Sunday night; the Scottish Office disclosed yesterday.

Richard Hanratty, aged 25, was serving 18 months for assault and robbery, and Keith McEwan, aged 28, 12 months for motoring offences.

It is believed that Hanratty and McEwan barricaded themselves in their cell after lock up. Shortly before midnight officers saw smoke.

Attempts to rescue the men were thwarted by the barricade. The Scottish Office said there appeared to be no obvious explanation for the barricade.

Craiginches yesterday held 180 inmates although it was designed to contain 169. Overcrowding, however, has not been a problem at the prison which has escaped much of the violence seen at other Scottish prisons.

The prison holds mainly local men serving sentences of up to 18 months, although there are also a number of older, recidivist prisoners.

A report is being prepared for the Procurator Fiscal.

- The Scottish Prison Officers' Association will hold talks today with officials at the Scottish Home and Health Department aimed at trying to avert industrial action by their members at Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, who are protesting about overcrowding. More than 60 staff are on sick leave, mainly due to stress.

Sellers' market in North

Jobs push up house prices

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Demand for property over much of the country is "loading the price rise shotgun", the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reports.

In its house price survey for the quarter to the end of January it says that demand is outstripping supply in many areas, leading to a sellers' market, and the shortfall is pushing up prices. The North, in particular, has experienced high demand.

Of the 178 estate agents in England and Wales who contributed to the survey, 11 per cent reported price increases of more than 8 per cent, double the number compared with the last quarter, and almost one third showed increases of 5 per cent. Nearly half indicated rises of 2 per cent and only 16 per cent reported no change.

A survey of the North-west showed significant price rises, with 12 per cent of agents reporting increases of 8 per cent (above the national average) and 27 per cent recording increases of 5 per cent.

One example in the North-west is a new industrial park outside Chester, which had provided a large supply of jobs, in turn boosting demand for housing.

Mr Peter Miller, the institution's housing market spokesman, said: "The demand for property has continued, with a resulting shortfall of supply in many areas. Of particular note is the continued prosperity in the North of the country."

- A building society chief has criticized a mortgage offer of four times the main salary and three times the second.

Mr Philip Court, chief executive of Birmingham Midshires Building Society, said that lenders had to make sure that they did not promote irresponsibility among borrowers. "A lender's irresponsibility could well lead the customer towards financial disaster."

He expressed concern that as competition among banks, building societies and other financial institutions increased for mortgage business, so borrowers were going to find apparently attractive offers a long-term financial burden.

However, the Building Societies Association said yesterday that the number of people seriously in arrears with their mortgage payments went down in the second half of last year.

A total of 60,400 people were more than six months in arrears at the end of the year, compared with 62,560 at the end of last June.

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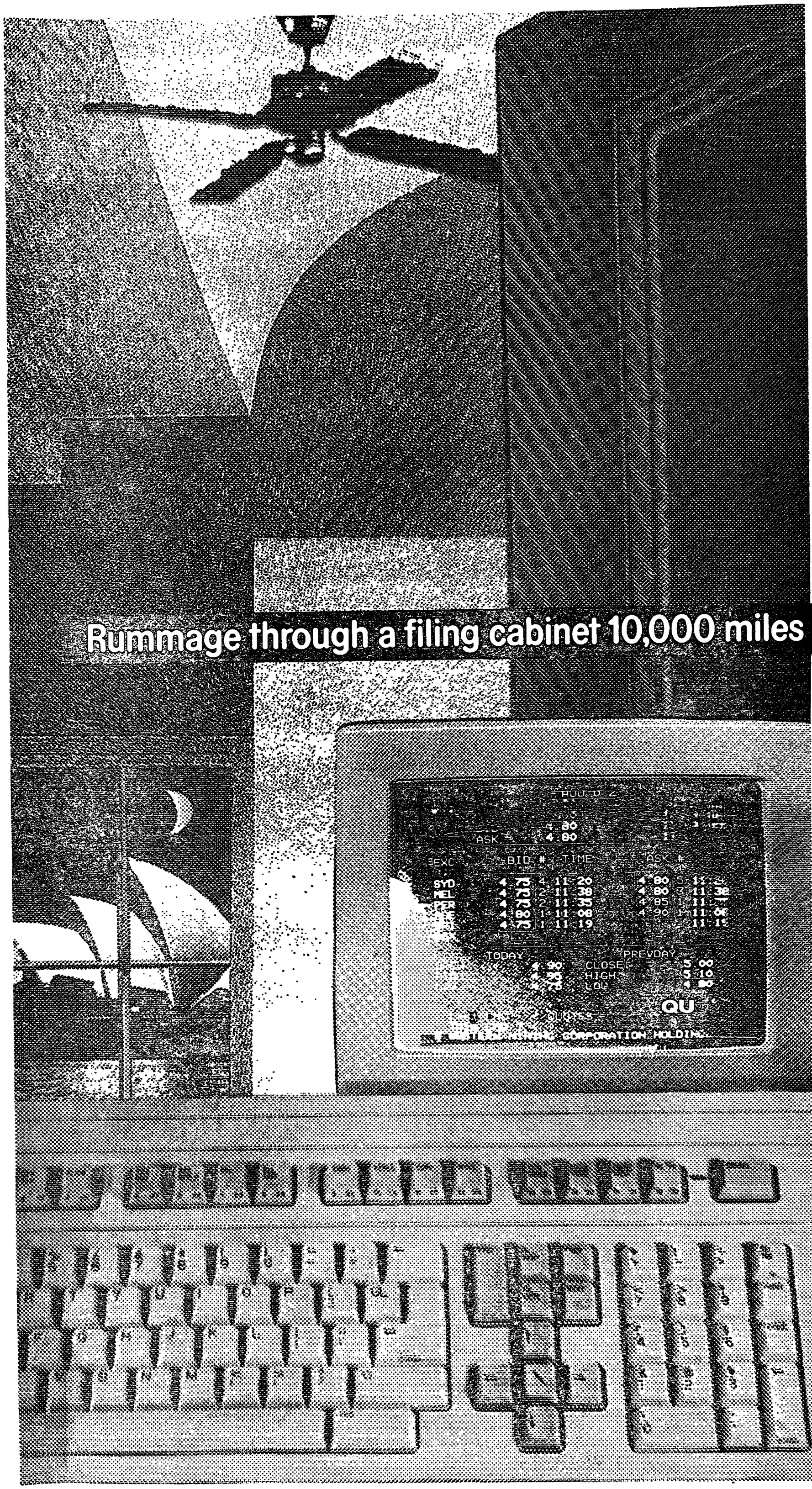
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Coalition hint to Waldheim to go

Vienna — The Austrian Socialist Party, senior partner in the ruling coalition, called indirectly yesterday on President Waldheim to resign, saying he had failed to keep an election promise to increase Austrian prestige (A Correspondent writes). In a five-point resolution it said the critical historians' report on Dr Waldheim's war record "has shaken the moral authority of the President at home and abroad."

The resolution said: "It is obvious that President Waldheim has failed to realize the most important goals which he had himself set, namely, to preserve the inner peace in Austria, and to increase the estimation of Austria in the world." It is the closest the party has come to calling outright for his resignation, but the Socialists' coalition partner, the conservative Austrian People's Party, denied it amounted to a resignation call. Herr Fritz Koenig, parliamentary chairman of the People's Party, said the Socialists "must respect what the President has expressed, that being to remain in office." Waldheim's lesson, page 12

Self-praise by Delhi

Delhi — The Indian Government patted itself on the back yesterday for its economic strategy, and was especially proud about its response to the drought (Michael Hamlyn writes).

But the speech at the opening of Parliament by President Venkataraman is likely to be challenged strongly by the opposition in the next few days during the Budget debate. Yesterday's ceremonies coincided with a shutdown of all the capital's shops and markets in a tax protest. The stock exchange and commodity markets were also closed.

Pretoria jet lost

Johannesburg — South Africa disclosed yesterday that one of its fighter aircraft was shot down over south-eastern Angola at the weekend and that the pilot, Major Edward Every, was missing (Michael Hornsby writes).

Military headquarters in Pretoria said that the aircraft was brought down by ground fire during an attack on Cuban and Angolan Army reinforcements.

● LISBON: A report from Luanda, the Angolan capital, said military sources had claimed that two South African jets were shot down near Cuito Cuanavale.

Leader of the left

Madrid — The Spanish Communist Party chose the bearded, charismatic Mayor of Córdoba, Señor Julio Anguita, as its leader yesterday, and gave him more power than the party apparatus had wanted to give him (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Anguita imposed several conditions before accepting the post. One of them was to welcome back former comrades who were purged or who have quit the party during the tumultuous years since it became exposed to the glare of democracy — and not to ask them to change their views.

Army role enshrined

Jakarta (Reuter) — The Indonesian Parliament yesterday approved legislation which grants the armed forces a permanent role in the politics of South-East Asia's largest nation.

Two Bills were passed unanimously, two weeks before the reappointment of President Suharto for a fifth term that will keep him in power until 1993. The laws, which consolidate the Army's participation in governing the country, were approved immediately after the President installed a new army commander as part of a military shake-up.

Captive's TV plea



West Beirut — His face darkened by an incipient beard, Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins, the US Marine officer serving with the United Nations who was kidnapped by Muslim extremists almost a week ago, appeared yesterday on Lebanese television, right, to plead with the United States Government to meet his captors' demands (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

As he spoke, UN troops, staged a massive search near Tyre for him.

In his one-minute tape, Colonel Higgins said: "In order to get me released, these demands have to be met: 1. The withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied territories in Lebanon; 2. The release of all detained Mujahideen (holy warriors), Lebanese and Palestinian, from Khiam prison and from all other prisons inside the Zionist regime in occupied Palestine; 3. Stopping US intervention in Lebanon and stopping the sending of delegations to the Middle East area, in order to surround (sic) the gains of the Islamic revolution in occupied Palestine." "

● WASHINGTON: The US Government said yesterday it would make no deals to win the release of Colonel Higgins.

Flats collapse as the rains swamp Rio



Rescuers removing a man who was buried when a three-storey block of flats collapsed, killing at least 11 people, as torrential rains continued to fall on Rio de Janeiro. The man was one of 12 residents rescued alive from the rubble in Abolicio, a working-class neighbourhood in Rio's north zone, and rescuers said it was unlikely anyone else would be saved (Mac Margolis writes).

At least 70 others were known to have died in mudslides and collapsed buildings due to the rains. Senhor Roberto Saturnino Braga, the Mayor of Rio, declared a "public disaster" and called in the Army to help with salvage operations.

As the rains continued for the fifth consecutive day, more than 8,000 rescuers were working round the clock to find victims buried under tops of mud, rock, and debris. Officials said the toll might well be double the official number of 70.

A month of nearly constant rains in the state of Rio de Janeiro has left 275 dead and 25,000 homeless.

The Civil Defence Department said that up to 11,000 in the city had lost their homes.

Strategic weapons treaty disputes

Summit detail stalls arms talks

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Soviet and American arms control negotiators working on the fine detail of a treaty to reduce strategic missiles by 50 per cent have become immersed in fundamental disagreements over negotiating principles which were supposed to have been resolved at the Washington summit last December, according to diplomatic sources.

As Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, announced in Moscow that progress had been made in his talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the sources revealed that the Geneva negotiations were facing serious problems.

Key conflicts have been over Star Wars research, the different sub-limits on strategic missiles and, much to the annoyance of the Americans, a new ploy by the Russians to include conventionally-armed cruise missiles in the negotiations.

On Star Wars (the Strategic Defence Initiative), the negotiators had begun their talks on the basis of the agreement reached at the Washington summit meeting.

President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov appeared to have fudged this controversial issue by stating that both sides would adhere to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty "as negotiated".

This left plenty of room for interpretation, and the US proposed to continue their research, both in the laboratory and in space, subject only to the financial restrictions imposed by Congress.

However, once the Start talks got under way in Geneva after the summit the Russians changed their tune. They wanted a strict list drawn up of the tests that could be carried out under the ABM Treaty and those that would be banned. "Basically, we wanted to carry on with the fudge, but the Russians weren't interested," one source said.

According to senior American sources, a number of arms control advisers tried to persuade President Reagan to agree to a list. But the president would not hear of it.

On sub-limits in strategic missiles and warheads, the negotiators began with the principle laid down in Washington that ballistic warheads should be cut to 6,000 on each side. Sub-limits, or separate ceilings, should include a 4,900-warhead restriction for intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and submarine-launched missiles (SLBMs), and a 1,540-warhead limit on "heavy" ICBMs. Only the Russians would feature in this last category, with their SS18s and SS19s. The US MX missile would not be included.

But the Americans have refused to drop their demand that there should be a further limit of 1,650 warheads on missiles capable of carrying more than six warheads. These are the Soviet SS24 and the American MX.

The US has claimed that these weapons are the most destabilizing because of their multiple-targeting capability. As one senior American source said yesterday: "We want to single out these missiles out for discriminatory treatment."

The third problem is over submarine-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs). According to the wording from the Washington summit, there was an agreement to negotiate a cut in these missiles as a separate issue. In other words, they were not to be included in the overall 6,000-warhead limit.

But in Geneva the Russians announced suddenly that if SLCMs were to be reduced they would have to include those conventionally-armed as well. They argued that the Americans had agreed to include conventionally-armed missiles under the INF Treaty eliminating all ground-launched cruise missiles.

This was confirmed yesterday by American sources. "We didn't have a great investment in ground-launched conventionally-armed cruise missiles," one source said. However, the Americans do have a lot of conventionally-armed cruise missiles on submarines. The total is about 3,000, which is far more than the Soviet Union.

So when this tactic was raised by the Russians it was rejected immediately by the Americans. Sources said yesterday that this was clearly an attempt by the Russians to bring up an issue that they knew they would have to give way on later.

Israeli law chief says beatings illegal

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Orders to Israeli soldiers to punish or humiliate by beating are "manifestly illegal", the Attorney-General, Mr Yosef Harish, has said in a strong letter to Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister.

The letter instructs Mr Rabin to make it clear to all in authority that beatings must not be used against anyone who has been arrested. He also told the Defence Minister to make sure that beatings were used only in order to help make an arrest.

Mr Harish also cast doubt on army claims that excessive beatings have been exceptional irregularities. He said in the letter that he has received so many complaints of abuse that suspicions had arisen that simply calling beatings "irregularities" did not truly reflect the real situation.

Tunis (Reuter) — Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, said yesterday that US-Palestinian contacts had taken place at the weekend before a planned Middle East tour by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State. Prominent Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories met Mr Wat Cluverius, a US envoy, on Saturday, Mr Arafat said. According to Mr Arafat, Mr Cluverius said "no" to self-determination, an independent state, the PLO, and an independent Palestinian delegation at a peace conference.

His letter said that the need to clarify what is a legal order is vital for the morale of troops in the occupied territories. Israeli military law says soldiers can be punished for disobeying illegal orders. At the same time, they can be punished for obeying "manifestly illegal" orders. Mr Harish is putting together directives which explain the difference.

Mr Rabin, who issued the general order to quell trouble by using "might, force and beatings" two months ago, has now admitted that "you cannot rule by force over one and a half million Palestinians". He told a Labour Party meeting on Sunday that this was one of the lessons he had learnt since the start of the unrest.

In the interests of national security, he said, there had to be Israeli withdrawals from occupied territories. This did not mean a return to the borders of 1967 or an end to Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem.

While the Defence Minister spoke of handing back territory, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, told a dinner in Jerusalem on Sunday evening that Gaza and the West Bank were "parts of our country". On the other hand, he said, the Arabs saw Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jaffa and Galilee as "occupied territories".

He added: "Those who demonstrated and rioted, those who led the riots and incited the violence have not hidden their true objective. They cried 'Palestine is Arab' and openly demanded the whole of Palestine as theirs."

After a weekend of widespread violence in which five Palestinians died — bringing the official toll to 61 — yesterday was relatively quiet. There were, however, two small demonstrations by women in Nablus and Anabta in the West Bank.

Today is meant to be a day of hunger strikes and protest vigils. Tomorrow and Thursday are supposed to be marked by a general strike followed by demonstrations on Friday outside mosques and widespread protests on Saturday.

France submits to EEC package

From Richard Owen
Brussels

France yesterday withdrew from its threat to reopen the debate over EEC controls on wine, sugar and other agricultural products, thus reversing a stand which had risked unravelling the hard-won EEC farm package agreed at the Brussels summit meeting 10 days ago.

Both Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his West German counterpart, welcomed the French move, and said that the way was now clear for Europe to achieve a single united market without frontiers by 1992.

Chairing a post-summit meeting of foreign ministers as President of the EEC Council, Herr Genscher said that the Twelve could now put their internal disputes behind them and tackle the "enormous tasks" involved in forging a common European foreign policy.

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, said there had been a "misunderstanding" over an attempt by M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, to raise last-minute obstacles at the summit over stabilising mechanisms for curbing output of "non-arable" products.

The summit concentrated during two days of tense, high-level drama on reducing differences between Britain on the one hand and France and Germany on the other over controlling cereals and oilseeds, regarded by Britain as the key to overhauling the common agricultural policy.

Because of this, the Brussels meeting had "taken as read" proposals on the non-arable products. M Raimond said France had simply been defending the principle that the EEC should not take decisions without a detailed discussion. But yesterday he waived French objections.

Diplomats said that M Chirac, who was involved in acrimonious exchanges with Mrs Thatcher, had made his stand partly to impress rural voters in the forthcoming French presidential election.

Sir Geoffrey said that with the French decision the "last piece of the agricultural jigsaw" was in place. Despite criticism that Mrs Thatcher had made concessions, Britain had achieved its long-standing objective of across the board farm stabilisers within a framework of legally binding limits, he said.

Persistence had paid off, producing an agreement he believed would prove commendable and acceptable to Parliament. It was "a good day for Britain and for Europe." Although the EEC would continue to deal with the budget, it would no longer be "distracted by squabbles over money".

The EEC also agreed yesterday to "roll back" selected industrial quotas in a bid to give fresh impetus to the current round of Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) in Geneva.

Brussels — The EEC yesterday expressed its concern about falling birth rates in western Europe and called for "a renewal of demographic dynamism" — a phrase described by one official "a new Euro-jargon word for an ancient human activity" (Richard Owen writes).

EEC foreign ministers said that Europe could not maintain its political, economic and cultural position in the world without "demographic dynamism", and called for a report on population figures to be drawn up by next year.

Friends and foes shed tears for Swaggart, the repentant sinner

From Our Own Correspondent
New York

There was barely a dry eye in the world of video-evangelism yesterday as friend and enemy vied to commiserate with the Rev Jimmy Swaggart, the powerful television preacher who succumbed to the sins that he had so ferociously castigated in others.

For Mr Jim Bakker and his wife, Tammy, the couple cast out of their television empire after a sex scandal last year, news of Mr Swaggart's spectacular confession was a cause of "sorrow".

"Our hearts go out to them and their family," said Mr Bakker, who was chastised as a "cancer on the body of Christ" by Mr Swaggart after he confessed last year to sexual transgressions. Mr Bakker lost his job, his mansions and limousines. Mrs Bakker said she wept when she learnt that Mr Swaggart, whose weekly telecast reaches 500 million viewers worldwide, had been caught in a motel room with a prostitute.

The Rev Marvin Gorman, who brought the Swaggart sins to light, said he succumbed to similar emotions. "My heart has been deeply saddened by the news. We are praying for the Swaggart family; we are praying for Jimmy, Frances, Honnie, Debbie, and the children."

Newsweek magazine reported yesterday that Mr Gorman, a bitter rival of his brother preacher, had hired a detective to trace Mr Swaggart to the New Orleans motel room and presented photographs to the Assemblies of God church, in which Mr Swaggart is a pastor.

The detective let the air out of Mr Swaggart's car tyres so Mr Gorman could arrive and catch him at the scene, according to the press reports.

Mr Swaggart contributes $14 million (£8 million) a year to the Pentecostalist church from the $142 million a year income of his Louisiana-based ministries. The church is deciding what to do about its errant pastor, who said in his lachrymose pulpit confession on Sunday that he was stepping down to await its decision. Mr Swaggart flew to the Montana church headquarters in his private jet last Thursday.

According to an official at the Jimmy Swaggart World Ministries, Mr Swaggart confessed that he had been plagued by a fascination with pornography since boyhood.

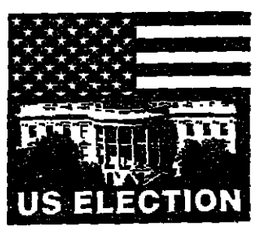
He told church leaders that he had not engaged in sex with the woman but rather had "paid her to perform pornographic acts", the official told *The Washington Post*.

Mr Swaggart's weeping, whimpering confession, replayed on television news nationally on Sunday night, was a big blow to the Assemblies of God balance sheet.

The scandal of Mr Bakker, the Assemblies minister defrocked for his sexual and financial sins, cut back donations severely.

Jackson preaches an underdog crusade

From Charles Bremner
Philadelphia



"Run, Jesse, run. Win, Jesse, win." The chant rises from a sea of black faces in the Philadelphia ballroom as the Rev Jesse Jackson — preacher, superstar and "the next President of the United States" — stands to receive the endorsement of the Mayor and the city's Democratic machine.

Nobody moves a crowd like Jesse — even hardened campaign reporters use the affectionate first name. No wonder one magazine crowned him yesterday the best speaker of the presidential race. Charming, eloquent and inspired, he rouses his audiences with the cadences of the Southern revivalist preacher and brings them always to their feet.

"Say so, brother, all right," they shout from the back of the ballroom as Mr Jackson weighs in with his favourite theme — drugs. "We're not threatened by three million Sandinistas. Most of us have never seen a Sandinista," he bellows. "We are not defending our own borders against the drugs that are killing our children. We put minesweepers in the Persian Gulf. I will put drug-sweepers in the Gulf of Mexico."

Mr Jackson, a driven 46-year-old who has never held public office, is sprinting the home stretch before "Super Tuesday" on March 8, when he aims to prove that he is a force not only among the blacks of the South but also among the disaffected whites who used to turn to the likes of George Wallace.

In Philadelphia, bastion of the Northern black working class, Mr Jackson mixes messages, proclaiming "unfinished business" in the fight for rights in the South but quoting Mr Wallace's advice to him: "He said to me 'keep your message down so low that the goats can get it, down where the people live every day'."

Expert thinking has it that Mr Jackson is still "unelectable" because he is black, and also because he is too far to the left of the party. But the experts also believe that Mr Jackson will win such a powerful block of delegates on Super Tuesday that he could become a power-broker at the party convention.

It is highly likely that if the next President is a Democrat he will owe a big debt to Mr Jackson, and that is likely to translate into a senior Administration post.

Since his strong run in 1984 as leader of the "rainbow coalition" and a provocative advocate of black rights, Mr Jackson has softened his message and broadened his appeal. "Jesse has found he can turn on a white audience," says one of his aides.

Flying around the South in the past few weeks, Mr Jackson has shifted his focus from civil rights to economic rights. "The South has the richest soil but the poorest people."

Even in Iowa and New Hampshire, where only a tiny fraction of the electorate is black, Mr Jackson received about one in 10 of the Democratic votes. He expects to win more than 80 per cent of the black vote in the South, while the white ballot is split mainly among Representative Richard Gephardt, Senator Albert Gore and Governor Michael Dukakis.

Presenting himself as a trouble-shooter and champion of the underdog, Mr Jackson can be found wherever there is a grievance. He flies in to address striking workers. He appeared as the only presidential candidate at a Washington rally for Aids victims. Even leaders of the notorious Teamsters' Union hailed him as a friend last year, after he supported their fight to prevent government officials taking control of their affairs. The Teamsters have a long record of corruption and association with organized crime.



Mr Jackson: Softening his message to widen appeal.

To his critics, Mr Jackson is a dangerous demagogue, a silver-tongued showman who exploits his links with the late Martin Luther King. In a striking profile of him last month, Gail Sheehy, the writer, diagnosed Mr Jackson's drive as a "lust for legitimacy" stemming from his childhood in South Carolina.

"All these years Jackson has been tunneling up, and in the long climb he has clung tenaciously to everything he could use, stepped over warm bodies, greedily dipped his fingers in the blood of his hallowed predecessor, shaken down businessmen, black and white...He has lived all his life as an outsider and learned to capitalize on it. Now he is within reach of what he has always wanted — to be accepted."

US polls point to Dukakis as Democratic pacemaker

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Voters go to the polls today in two Northern states, South Dakota and Minnesota, and could do what those in Iowa and New Hampshire failed to achieve: produce a solid front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts is the firm favourite in Minnesota, according to the latest poll, with an 11-point lead over Representative Richard Gephardt. Senator Paul Simon, who is trying to save his fading candidacy in this traditionally liberal state, is bottom of the poll and is likely to suffer a fatal body blow.

A convincing Dukakis win in Minnesota's caucuses, with the lion's share of the state's 78 delegates, would make him the clear Democratic favourite heading into "Super Tuesday" on March 8. It would offer strong evidence that his overwhelming win in the New Hampshire primary was not just a neighbourly gesture.

Although Senator Simon has portrayed himself as an old-fashioned liberal in the Hubert Humphrey tradition, pouring money into this Democratic bastion, the late Vice-President's home state has responded coolly. The polls are giving Mr Simon only 9 per cent, compared with 29 per cent for Mr Dukakis, 18 per cent for Mr Gephardt, 14 per cent for the Rev Jesse Jackson and 11 per cent for Mr Gary Hart.

Mr Gephardt is hoping to do better in South Dakota, but a win in the sparsely populated Northern plains is worth little in terms of delegates and would be overshadowed by a Dukakis triumph in Minnesota. He was campaigning strongly in South Dakota yesterday, telling pensioners in Sioux Falls that they had a powerful voice in the election.

But one of Mr Gephardt's strongest cards — his Trade Bill amendment imposing penalties on countries running persistent surpluses with the US — may soon lose its value as Congress moves to kill it. He has promised to fight on.

South Dakota has also been devalued for Senator Dole because the Vice-President, Mr George Bush, has pulled out of the state primary.

Mr Dole, who is expected to win comfortably, cannot now use a success to show a turnaround in his bitter struggle with Mr Bush.

In anger and frustration, he taunted Mr Bush yesterday for "turning his back on America's heartland" and for having failed also to campaign in Minnesota and in Wyoming, which votes on March 5.

"George Bush has left South Dakota for the same reason he skipped out of Iowa — he knew he was going to lose. But South Dakota is the nation's second primary, and can't be ignored by a front-runner," he said.

But the Bush campaign denied that the Vice-President was avoiding the Midwest, noting that he had already won delegates in Michigan

Washington — As President Reagan yesterday received the nation's Governors at the White House, to discuss federal issues, Mr Michael Dukakis joked that he was "just looking the place over" before he moved in.

Vasiliou says Cyprus must solve its own problems

From Mario Modiano, Nicosia

Mr George Vasiliou, the self-made millionaire who took Cypriot politics by storm with the defeat on Sunday of two veteran professionals in the election for the presidency, has reassured the island's estranged Turkish community that his aim is to bring Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots closer together and to restore mutual confidence.

The response from the Turkish Cypriots was prompt. Mr Rauf Denktas, their leader, in a statement congratulated Mr Vasiliou on his election and renewed his offer to meet the winner at the Ledra Palace, the United Nations building on the "green line" that divides the island between the Greek south and the Turkish north.

But Mr Denktas added: "It should be clearly understood that the meeting has to be between equal political entities, without prejudice to their respective religions."

Mr Vasiliou responded by saying that this condition was unacceptable. And he told *The Times* before his election on Sunday that such a condition would be tantamount to acknowledging the secessionist state that Mr Denktas proclaimed in the Turkish-occupied northern part of Cyprus in 1983. It has been officially recognized by no country other than Turkey.

"It would be absurd to renounce the very existence of the Republic of Cyprus in order to have a cup of coffee with Mr Denktas," he said.

The omens for early Greek-Turkish contacts in Cyprus, along the pattern set by Greece and Turkey at Davos last month, have improved after Sunday's election. But the difficulties cannot be underestimated.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minster, who sent Mr Vasiliou a telegram of congratulation and reassurance, seems to have saved his advice for the new President for an address to the garrison officers of Ioannina, in north-western Greece.

He said: "For quite some time both Cyprus and Greece fought in terms of a triangle — Greece puts pressure on the Americans, who pressure the Turks to solve our problems. The formula is no longer valid. We must rely on our own resources to establish peace with Turkey through a dialogue on an equal footing."

The President-elect of Cyprus begins consultations today on the formation of a government which, he said, would reflect all shades of opinion on the island. He will appear before the House of Representatives on Sunday.

One of his priorities will be to set up a national council, consisting of political leaders as well as prominent personalities. This organization will be given broad powers to advise the President on the Cyprus issue.

Mr Vasiliou believes that rather than wait for the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to set negotiations moving again, the Greek Cypriot side should take the initiative. "We have been reacting passively to the actions of others for too long," he said.

But the recent hardening of his position on the question of the island's political future has raised doubts that such a procedure would be effective.

In his address to the Cypriot people yesterday, Mr Vasiliou explained what he meant by a "just and lasting solution". It would "ensure the withdrawal of all Turkish troops and (mainland) settlers, the right of return to their homes for all refugees, and the three basic freedoms (the right of free movement, ownership and settlement), and respect for human rights".

The cliche might have been an echo of statements by the outgoing President, Mr Spyros Kyprianou, had Mr Vasiliou not added that, "while we shall pursue our targets relentlessly, we shall be flexible in our methods".

This is believed to have helped more than anything in the defeat of Mr Vasiliou's conservative opponent, Mr Glafkos Clerides, in the second round of voting. The margin was a narrow one — 2.3 per cent.

It brought Mr Vasiliou, an independent candidate with Communist backing, an extra 30,000 votes from hardline Socialists, and about half of the 90,000 voters of Mr Kyprianou's party.

For centre and centre-right Cypriots, it was a choice of the lesser evil — between a new face sponsored by the Communists whom they mistrust, or their traditional right-wing adversary whom they have learnt to hate and often accused of planning to sell out to the Turks.

The fact that Mr Vasiliou has, himself, no party waiting to pounce on the spoils of power, as well as his reassurances that there would be no massive purges of those who have benefitted from political patronage under the previous regime, tipped the scales in his favour.

Man in the News

Technocrat shrugs off 'red' slur

From Our Own Correspondent, Nicosia

The voters of Greek Cyprus have placed the political destiny of the divided island squarely in the hands of a relatively unknown millionaire by electing him President for five years, thanks largely to the support of the local communist party, Akel.

Mr George Vasiliou, an affable, well-mannered and articulate technocrat who has built up a successful consultancy, dismisses as a joke the "red menace" campaign waged by his conservative rival, Mr Glafkos Clerides.

He denies being a Communist or that he has assumed commitments towards Akel beyond his political platform. "Call me a progressive," he says. "If I was in the United Kingdom, I would probably vote SDP."

His opponents have argued that even if he is good at making money he lacks the political experience to lead Cyprus to a resolution of its problems. But he dismisses the criticism. "Whoever said you cannot qualify for leadership unless you have served in Parliament?" he asks. "Good leadership requires good judgement and experience in life. And I have had plenty."

At 56, Mr Vasiliou can look back on a life of unusual adventure and often hardship.

He was born in Famagusta, the medieval town now desolate in the Turkish-controlled northern part of Cyprus, the son of a well-known eye surgeon and restless militant Communist who was a founding member of Akel.

He was studying medicine in Switzerland in 1949 when his parents responded to a call for physicians by beleaguered Communists during the Greek Civil War. He himself was left penniless in Geneva and joined his mother and sister who had stayed in Budapest. He worked in a factory but studied at the same time and won his doctorate in economics. He then spent two years in London, specializing in marketing and market research.



Mr Vasiliou greeting his supporters yesterday.

"I could have followed an academic career in Hungary and be a Hungarian professor today," he said. "But the pull of Cyprus was irresistible."

He returned in 1962, when the island was already independent. His parents, who had fled to Tashkent in the Soviet Union with the defeated Greek Communists, also came back to Cyprus.

Mr Vasiliou guessed accurately that Cyprus was destined to become a Mediterranean services centre. He set up a marketing and economic consultancy that soon prospered with such contracts as the master-plan for the economic development of Riyadh. Today the business has a staff of 250 and branches in 12 countries.

Perhaps surprisingly, he was the only one of the four presidential candidates married to a Greek Cypriot, once the youngest barrister called to the Middle Temple. They have a son and two daughters, of whom the eldest is studying human geography at the University of Reading.

In his *Dynasty*-style office of white marble and black glass, where historical biographies alternate with technical manuals on the bookshelves, Mr Vasiliou says he decided to go into politics because he believes that Cyprus needs a non-party President.

His key problem, of course, is that of the reunification of the island, which was partitioned by the Turkish invasion that followed the short-lived coup engineered by the Athens colonels in 1974 to topple President Makarios.

Mr Vasiliou wants to take the initiative in seeking a settlement. He favours close contacts with the Turkish Cypriots in the north, but without preconditions.

"We have been talking for 13 years, but never dealt with the key issues," he said. "It's like trying to buy property in London and haggling over details in the contract when we have not discussed the price.

"Our priority No 1 is to get all the foreign troops out of Cyprus." Did this include the British sovereign base areas? "They are an anachronism," he replied. "We would like them to go, but realize that we cannot force them out."

Scaffolding for the Sphinx



Workmen setting up scaffolding on the Sphinx near Cairo before restoring a 660 lb limestone slab which fell from the right shoulder of the monument built by the Pharaoh Chephren in about 2,600 BC. The question of how to repair the damage has provoked heated debate, ending with the removal of Dr Ahmed Kadry as chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organization (Reuter reports). He had claimed that the Sphinx was "facing no danger at all", while the Culture Minister, Mr Farouk Hosni, said that the monument was in a critical condition and needed an international panel of archaeologists to save it. Mr Zahi Hawwas, the archaeologist in charge of the Gizeh Pyramids area, gave a warning that the Sphinx could tumble to dust within 20 years without urgent scientific measures, and said the ground-water level beneath it had to be reduced. Now a committee of Egyptian and foreign archaeologists will decide on how to restore the slab and other weak areas.

Zia's friendship speeds the hunt for abducted teacher

From Ed Gorman, Peshawar

The Pakistan Government is doing everything in its power, even to the direct involvement of the President's office, to find the diminutive 70-year-old English schoolteacher kidnapped on Sunday deep in the heart of the North-West Frontier province.

The disappearance of Mr Geoffrey Langlands, a personal friend of President Zia and described by a former colleague as having been responsible for the education of "practically the whole Pakistan Government", was still a complete mystery yesterday.

Mr Langlands, principal of Razmak Cadet College for boys in North Waziristan, was abducted near Sarobi in the tribal areas of the frontier while on his way to Peshawar. Though his personal assistant, Mr Gul Khajan, was released, there are still no definite indications as to who kidnapped him or why.

It has been suggested that his appointment to Razmak in 1979 was unpopular with local teachers, but it is thought highly unlikely that they would resort to kidnapping. There is a far greater chance that Mr Langlands has been caught up in a local tribal feud.

President Zia is stopping at nothing to find his friend, and has appointed the governor of the North-West Frontier province to take personal charge of the investigation.

Mr Langlands came to the sub-continent as an Indian Army officer, before transferring to the Pakistan Army at partition. In 1952 he became a housemaster at Aitcheson College, Lahore, Pakistan's leading public school.

A British diplomat in Islamabad who briefly taught alongside Mr Langlands at Aitcheson College, said that every year President Zia makes a point of inviting Mr Langlands and his charges for a tour of the National Assembly and tea in his private residence. "I suppose he's one of those with nowhere else to go, who decided to stay and for whom Pakistan has become his adopted home," he said.

Guerrillas set free European aid team

Brussels (Reuter) — Several European aid workers abducted last week by rebels in northern Ethiopia have been set free, according to Médecins sans Frontières, the medical relief charity, said.

Two of those released were Belgian doctors, but a spokeswoman was unable to identify the others or to give their number. The workers, involved in famine relief, would return to Europe immediately.

Besides the two Belgian doctors, three Irish nuns working as nurses and a Dutch male nurse were kidnapped at the town of Idaga Hamus in Tigré province.

Appeal date

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) — The Malaysian Supreme Court postponed to April 18 the hearing of an appeal by Derrick Gregory, a Briton, against a death sentence for drug trafficking. His brother is trying to obtain evidence from two witnesses serving prison terms in England and the United States.

Groom killed

Brisbane (AP) — A bride-groom died at his wedding reception when an illegal fireworks display misfired and a piece of shrapnel from a rocket hit him in the head, police said.

Lawyers out

Delhi (AFP) — Indian lawyers launched a one-day national boycott of all courts in an attempt to force the Government to sack a woman police commissioner they blame for a police assault on attorneys.

Kurd fast ends

Rotterdam (AP) — A group of Kurdish asylum seekers gave up a month-long hunger strike after being told they would be allowed to stay in The Netherlands until fit to travel.

Three to hang

Port Elizabeth (Reuter) — Three black South Africans were sentenced to hang for burning to death a suspected police informer with a petrol-soaked tyre.

Agents held

Paris — Senegal said it had arrested three presumed Libyan agents, a week before the West African state is due to hold presidential and legislative elections.

Campus shut

Lagos (AP) — The authorities closed Ahmadu Bello University in the north of Nigeria as students prepared a national protest against the detention of nine of their leaders.

Chinese visit

Peking (AFP) — Mr Wu Xueqian, the Chinese Foreign Minister, is to visit Britain and the US next month, diplomatic sources said.

Balkan states meet to break free from feud-ridden past

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The foreign ministers of six Balkan nations meet in Belgrade this week for talks which could lead to unprecedented co-operation in a region associated more with feuds and wars than with accords.

It is the first meeting to gather together all the Balkan countries: Bulgaria and Romania, which are members of the Warsaw Pact; Greece and Turkey, members of Nato; Yugoslavia, non-aligned; and Albania, independent of both blocs and just emerging from decades of self-imposed isolation.

Tangled national and ethnic interests have often started armed conflicts in the area and bringing such a medley of nations to a conference table is an achievement in itself.

Yugoslavia took the initiative and met an immediate enthusiastic acceptance from Romania, Greece and Bulgaria. But it took some time to persuade Turkey, and still more for Albania to decide to take part.

An unofficial agreement has been reached for all participants to leave their differences at home so that the conference is not disrupted.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Mr Budimir Loncar, said: "We have no illusions that the meeting will resolve all Balkan problems. But it could set into motion a new process of confidence-building." But historic antagonisms run deep and suspicions are easily aroused. The presence of minorities keeps the issue of territorial disputes on the agenda, even though they may not be mentioned explicitly.

The issue of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria continues to provide a source of friction between the two countries, because the Bulgarians refuse to recognize them as an ethnic minority.

Romania has a dispute with Hungary about Transylvania, where two million ethnic Hungarians are increasingly complaining that they are deprived of their national rights and exposed to a brutal assimilation policy.

The Yugoslav region of Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians now represent more than 90 per cent of the population, divides Yugoslavia and Albania and is the cause of fears and mutual recrimination.

Such problems, however, will be set aside for the sake of co-operation in the fields where the Balkans have a common interest, such as multilateral economic co-operation, ecology, tourism and other fields in which history matters less than the demands of the present.

A Yugoslav diplomat said: "In order to enter the 21st century the Balkans must stop thinking in terms of the 19th century." Such public statements have been echoed throughout the region on the eve of the conference, which begins here tomorrow.

This is the first European multilateral conference which Albania is attending and as such it is no mean achievement, showing the new trend for openness in Tirana. But whether the intricate national minority issues will be kept out remains to be seen.

The first initiative for a Balkan meeting was launched 30 years ago, when Romania proposed a conference with the aim of setting up a nuclear-free zone, and having the Balkans free of foreign troops.

The proposal never made any progress, but Romania and Bulgaria are still pressing for it, even though the Yugoslavs say bluntly that such a proposal is unrealistic.

Moscow woos Saudis after 50-year rift

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In the wake of the Kremlin's conditional promise to start withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan this year, the Soviet Union is trying to improve ties with moderate Arab nations, notably Saudi Arabia, with which diplomatic relations were cut shortly before the Second World War.

Over the weekend Mr Viktor Polyakov, the influential director of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk, arrived in Riyadh for what Western diplomats claimed was the first visit to the kingdom by a senior Soviet official for half a century.

His unexpected trip came only three weeks after Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, visited Moscow for the highest level talks between the two countries since his own previous visit here in 1982. On that occasion, he was the first Saudi official to visit Moscow since his father, then Prince Faisal, came to the Soviet capital in 1932.

Last month Prince Saud was officially sent as an envoy of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council, currently chaired by Saudi Arabia, and delivered a message to the Kremlin from King Fahd suggesting a United Nations Security Council meeting on Iran's rejection of a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

The sudden exchange of visits, accompanied by the public declaration on Sunday by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that Moscow now hopes to increase its role in the Middle East, has inevitably rekindled speculation that the Soviet Union might renew ties with the kingdom which were broken in 1938.

Saudi Arabia, home of Islam's two holiest sites, is strongly opposed to communism and has no diplomatic presence in any Eastern bloc country. It has given support to the Muslim rebels fighting Soviet troops inside Afghanistan.



Prince Saud: Took message to Kremlin from King Fahd

Arab diplomats based in Moscow believe that the Kremlin may be courting Saudi Arabia partly as a balance to its recently improved ties with Israel. An Israeli consular delegation to Moscow is expected to arrive within weeks on the first official trip here by Israelis since relations were broken over the 1967 Middle East war.

In addition to the recent flurry of diplomatic contacts between Moscow and Riyadh, the Soviet Union recently bought 300,000 tons of Saudi wheat.

The official Saudi press agency reported that Mr Polyakov, who earlier visited Syria, Jordan and Egypt, on Sunday met Prince Saud and Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and handed over a message from Moscow for King Fahd.

Diplomats believe that if the Kremlin supports the UN resolution for an arms embargo on Iran and also keeps its word about pulling out forces from Afghanistan, the chances for a renewal of diplomatic ties with Riyadh will be higher than for years.

At present the Soviet Union has embassies in three countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council — Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — but is not represented in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain or Qatar.

Moscow has been pushing hard for revived Middle East peace efforts. Last month Mr Shevardnadze proposed an emergency session of the UN Security Council to discuss prospects for an international conference, stating that the upsurge of violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip required urgent action.

During Prince Saud's visit here last month he was quoted as telling Tass: "We were very pleased to hear ... about Soviet readiness to do everything necessary in the international arena in the name of guaranteeing the rights of Palestinian Arabs through the convention of an international conference on the Middle East."

Mujahidin near deal on new regime

From Our Correspondent, Peshawar

Leaders of the seven-party Mujahidin alliance are reported to be close to agreement on the formation of an interim government to replace President Najibullah's regime in Kabul during a phased withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The Afghan guerrilla leaders held a series of meetings in Islamabad over the weekend and returned here last night having agreed the broad structure of the new regime.

Diplomatic observers say it is likely that the proposals will not be announced publicly in advance of the Geneva talks next month, but will be handed privately to the special United Nations mediator on Afghanistan later this week.

One Western diplomat in Islamabad said that, while the "bare bones" of the new government were now clear, it was still debatable how power would be shared between the Mujahidin leadership. But he added that, in overcoming their traditional rivalries, the leaders had achieved a significant breakthrough and a viable "opening position" in time for the talks.

Observers here say the new government envisages the creation of a Supreme Advisory Council to include leaders of the seven parties, representatives of prominent Afghan exiles, and Muslims inside Afghanistan who are deemed not to be Communists.

There was no provision for a role for Dr Najibullah or those closely associated with him.

Coup evidence points to Hirohito

From David Watts, Tokyo

New evidence shows that Japan's attempted military coup of 1936 was not solely the work of "uncontrollable" younger officers, as official accounts have tried to portray.

The new material, shown last night on the state television service NHK, raises questions about the extent to which the Japanese Government was involuntarily engulfed by the tide of militarism. It insinuates that blame should be levelled at Emperor Hirohito, for having failed to control more firmly his senior officers and the then War Minister, Hisaichi Teranchi.

Documents revealed for the first time show that Teranchi at least knew in advance of the attempted coup. He used such vague Japanese in written instructions that it could be interpreted that he endorsed the attempt, which took place in the early hours of February 2, 1936.

It was led by 19 young officers who were financed by senior officers. The new evidence shows that the men believed the coup was accepted by the people and had the endorsement of the Imperial Palace. Those behind the coup attempt were later tried in closed court without defending lawyers, and executed.

Details of the case have come out of 630 boxes of documents on the trial left by the chief prosecutor, the late Shumpei Sakisaka. He was ordered to close the case quickly as the war in China was building up. It took the NHK producer nine years to persuade the family to part with the material on which the documentary was based.

The coup attempt, in which eight politicians died, cleared the way for the full-scale military-backed Cabinet and the all-out war which followed.

Gurkhas fly the flag for Korean peacekeeping

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

When the bullets fly between North and South Korea, special investigation teams are sent into the 2.5 mile-deep demilitarized zone between them to find out what happened.

One group, probing a burst of heavy machine-gun fire from the North last week, included Major Vaughan Smedley of the Royal Signals.

Today senior officers from both sides will assemble in a conference room in the heart of this bleak no man's land for a ritual exchange of protests and counter-charges at the 441st plenary session of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC). One of the officers will be Brigadier Tim Hackworth of Britain, representing the Commonwealth. A Union flag will be flying in the vicinity.

In the unlikely event that the war of words escalates into armed conflict, Lieutenant Peter Barton-Smith may be called upon to defend Her Majesty's interests in Korea with his platoon of the 2nd Battalion, Second King Edward VII's Own Goorka Rifles.

That there are British soldiers serving in the divided peninsula is hardly surprising. More than 1,000 of their comrades died fighting with the Commonwealth Division in the 1950-1953 Korean War.

That they continue to serve a useful purpose in this outpost of the Cold War is explained by Brigadier Hackworth, a senior member of the United Nations Command: "Our men serve as a permanent reminder of the British Government's continuing resolve to maintain the armistice and to encourage the formulation of a peace treaty.

"They fly the flag, and make the UN Command worthy of the name. It is important, especially during MAC meetings, to show the North Koreans they are dealing with troops from other nations."

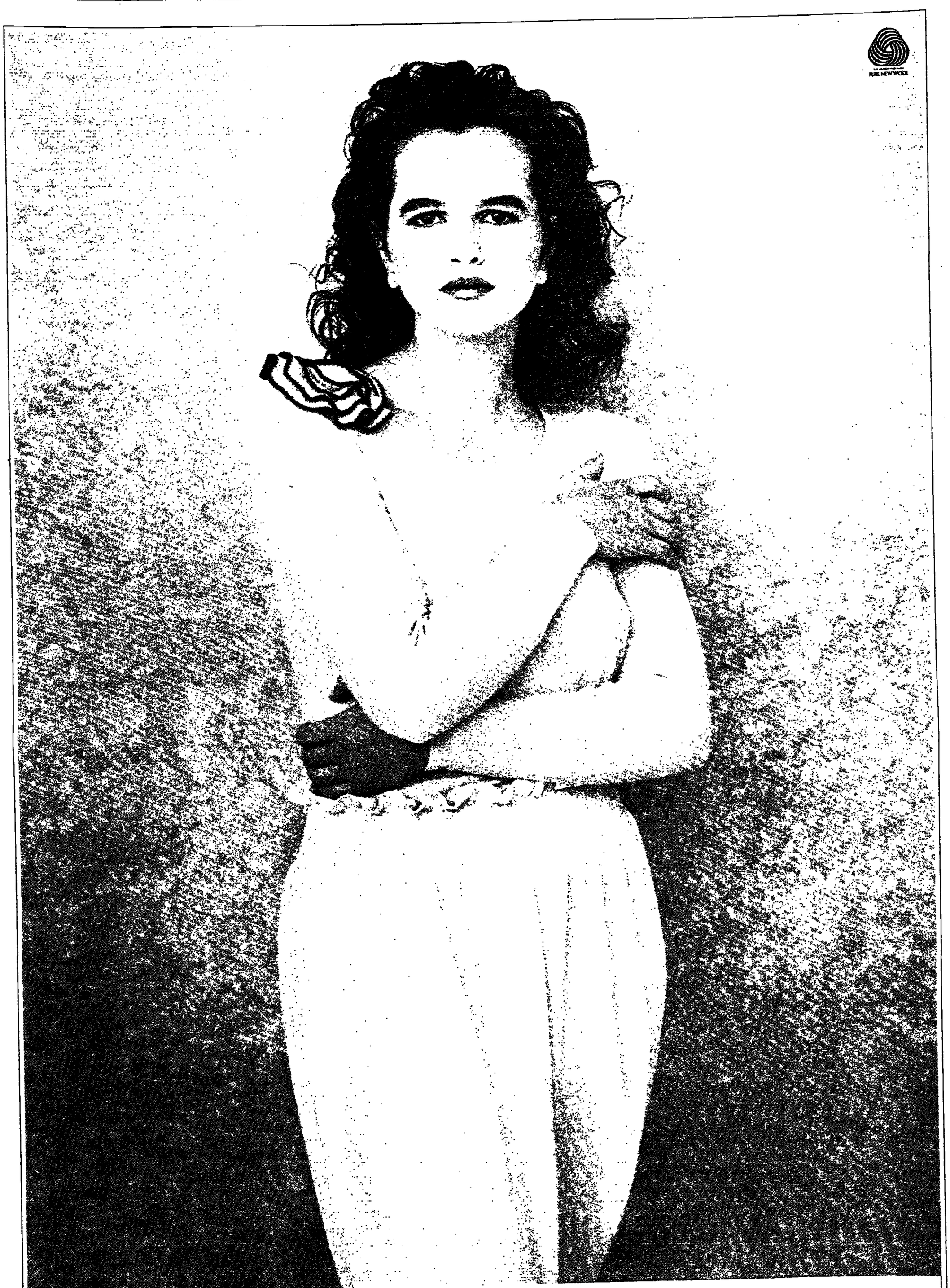
That said, the British platoons which rotate every 10 weeks from Hong Kong fulfil mainly ceremonial duties, and Brigadier Hackworth is under remit to give no guarantee that they would be reinforced in an emergency.

"Our role is passive rather than active," he says. "It is a major achievement of the MAC that the fragile 'peace' has held for 35 years."

The small British contingent, with a total armoury of 50 Colt .45 pistols and 45 M16 assault rifles, also undertakes discreet personal protection duties.

Their future is uncertain, since South Korea anticipates achieving military parity with the North within the next decade. For the present, however, any British athletes concerned about a spot of bother with North Korean terrorists during the Seoul Olympics in September may be comforted to know that at least 34 Gurkhas will be close at hand.

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THE ARTS

Mind games

BBC 2 was embroiled in mind-body problems last night. *Split Screen*, with *A Legal Game?*, was concerned with how much we should mind about what other people do with their bodies. This week's dialectical *battle of films debated* whether prostitution should be decriminalized. Earlier *Horizon*, with *Thinking*, asked whether a computer could ever "embody" the human mind and think like us.

No one asked whether computers, if they could think like us, would sell their services. This is, no doubt, because the nightmare image of computers maliciously controlling our lives is stronger than any hope that they will turn out to be more subserviently user-friendly.

***Thinking* also started with menace. The narrator was not *Horizon*'s customary Paul *Vaughan, whose reassuring* tones confirm your faith, however wavery, in the progress of science. Instead, Juliet Stevenson did her version of Anna**

TELEVISION

Massey's threatening "technological" voice.

Then there were the images. Faced with a complex intellectual problem, television seems either to send for a synthesizing talking head or tries to *match visually the complexity* so that even the simplest elements are often made confusing.

***Thinking* began unpromisingly with a bemusing collage of images which boded ill for a discussion which easily confuses philosophical questions about whether computer performances, *however* brilliant, could be called thinking.**

But the programme soon settled *down, token detractors* not withstanding, to a justification of the philosopher John Searle's denial of computer thought. Searle himself appeared as a lucid talking head, albeit with distracting back projections. The charming dramatization (in Chinese) of his famous Chinese room *example actually made it more* comprehensible — even if the strongest philosophical objection to it was not aired.

Andrew Hislop

Drawn from greatness

GALLERIES

David Bomberg
Tate Gallery

David Bomberg
Odette Gilbert/
Gillian Jason/
Bernard Jacobson/
Fischer Fine Art

Merlyn Evans
Mayor/Redfern

Whichever way *you look at it*, **David Bomberg** is obviously a *big painter*. He is also, more obviously than his most enthusiastic proponents care to admit, a very patchy one. The major retrospective at the Tate Gallery until May 8 is in many respects the climax of a battle, which has been going on ever since his death in 1957, to *reinstate him as the major* figure in 20th-century British art. And that he seemed to be when he first burst upon the London art world with a group of sensationally modern Vorticist/Cubist works at the London Group's first *exhibition* in 1914.

It has been a brave and *totally justified struggle*, owing a lot of its success to the grit and determination of his widow, the painter Lilian Holt. It has also left its legacy of aggressive and compensatory over-estimation, which *we now have to clear away in* order to see him clearly.

Bomberg seems for most of *his life to have been a dis*appointed man. The painful ups and downs of his emotional state and his career are chronicled in the Tate's excellent catalogue by Richard Cork, and, in even more *detail*, in Cork's *prize-winning* biography, newly out in paperback from Yale at £24.95. It is not a comfortable story to read, even when one makes due allowance for the satisfactions of his teaching career.

After his first flush of success, Bomberg seems to have had violent ups and downs, particularly during the the First and Second World Wars, in each of which he had *a fairly disastrous brush with* authority, over the radical differences between their idea of what official war art should be and his. None of this helped, nor did his determination to fight alone (and for the moment lose) *the battle for* modernism during the Twenties, or his see-sawing emo*tional life and, after 1945*, his deteriorating health.

All the phases are covered *in the Tate show*, which groups his works chronologically. This is sometimes around the major work undertaken and occasionally achieved, like "The Mud Bath" in 1914, "Sappers at Work" at the end of the First World War, and "*The Bomb Store*", which occupied much of his time in the Second; and sometimes around the places where he painted, most notably Palestine in the Twenties and Ronda, unforgettably, *in the Thirties and again in the* Fifties.

And this is where the unevenness shows through so alarmingly. Not that the Tate show has not been chosen fairly and with discrimination. But it has also, quite properly in an enterprise of this kind, tried to represent *everything, warts and all.*

There is no doubting the dazzle of the opening rooms. *Even the very first*, works are bursting with talent: the drawings of biblical and Jewish themes, the unexpected paintings like the enchanting little "Lyons Café" (just a hat on a rack, reflected and re-reflected in mirrors), all seize the attention almost before Bomberg has hit his stride. *Then the abstract, or at any* rate boldly abstracted works of his experimental heyday, like "Ju Jitsu", "In the Hold" and "The Mud Bath" itself (all 1913-14), give us even today the shock of the new which *must have been experienced a* hundredfold by their first viewers.

*After which comes the un*fortunate tale of "Sappers at Work", commissioned by the Canadian War Memorials Fund, then flatly rejected and replaced by a second, much more directly representational, version. As it happens, I do not have such a low opinion of the second version, now in the National Gallery of Canada, as Richard Cork does. But clearly the whole business had a demoralizing effect on Bomberg, and it is difficult not to see the perfectly competent but rather *dull landscapes he painted in* Palestine in the Twenties as something of a capitulation.

With the Thirties, and his first glimpse of Ronda, that extraordinary town on top of a chasm-rent rock in Southern Spain, Bomberg seems to get a new lease of life. The drawings of that time (very well shown in the show at Gillian Jason until March 18 and that at Bernard Jacobson until March 12), as well as the landscape paintings, are splendidly vigorous.

But what are we to make of *the portraits and other figure* compositions he undertook in the same years? Some find *them among the peaks of his* achievement, but to a cooler view they look like clumsy attempts to make "modern art", rather as though Bomberg felt uneasy with the other work he was doing. The fact that they have clearly been influential on Auerbach is immaterial to any assessment *of their own inherent quality.*

And so to the Second World War, and Bomberg's long involvement with the war paintings suggested by an underground bomb store he visited in Tutbury. Here *again, though the authorities* can hardly be accused of even moderate understanding, it is difficult to believe, from the numerous rather muddled sketches and studies (apart from those at the Tate, there will be a whole group of them in the show due at Fischer Fine Art from March 10 to April 8), that anything approaching a crowning masterpiece would ever have emerged.

The last years produced some wonderful Ronda landscapes, some equally arguable figure studies and, perhaps above all, drawings. Indeed, though the paintings go up and down in one's estimation, the drawings remain consistently wonderful, whether they are the almost Pre-Raphaelite scenes of his apprenticeship, the abstract compositions associated with his lithographs for his own book of poems on *Russian Ballet* (1919), the harsh and *glorious views* of Ronda, or the moving studies of the City of London devastated by the blitz. A great painter sometimes; a great draughtsman always.



Dazzling early Bomberg: "Ghetto Theatre", an oil from 1920, included in the show at the Tate

Though they belong to quite different generations, there are some strange similarities between Bomberg and Merlyn Evans, who is commemorated by an *unexpectedly sizeable* retrospective shared between two galleries in Cork Street, the Mayor (until March 31) and the Redfern (until March 5). Bomberg virtually began as a Vorticist (though he always rejected the label); Evans ended up as a Vorticist in the early Forties — a very weird *time for anyone* suddenly to come under the influence of early Wyndham Lewis. But probably there was something in the quality of Evans's anger and his artistic fascination with dictator-figures which brought him close emotionally to Lewis, even though in politics they were, presumably, poles apart.

This sort of oddity of timing possibly also indicates why Evans is not more highly considered now, 15 years after his death. He just resolutely *refuses to fit in with any neat* pattern.

But the power and in*dividuality of his work, right* through from the stunning early "Self-Portrait" of 1931 to the severely abstracted late graphics and the delicate, expressive portrait drawings of fellow-artists like Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Bernard Leach, are palpable enough to ensure that he *will never be entirely* overlooked.

John Russell Taylor

Wrong headed

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Festival Hall

CONCERTS

It is hard to know quite what to make of a Bruckner performance where the basic necessities — or at least what one had always taken to be the basic necessities — are conspicuously lacking.

Giuseppe Sinopoli, conducting the Eighth Symphony last night, was so little concerned with continuity and musical momentum that quite extraordinary things began to happen.

The slow movement, of course, made no sense: its climax was so utterly unmotivated as to sound like a report of a performance happening *elsewhere*, and one of the grandest of Bruckner's grand *Luftpausen* was the merest *empty space*.

At the start of the finale, the magnificence and energy created by the assembled brass (who were on superb form) simply drained away in seconds. And in the scherzo each turn of the wheel was just another turn of the wheel, as if there were no possibility here of producing an invincible driving force.

*This strange impoverish*ment Sinopoli achieved by his staccato presentation and his weakening of the last value on each cycle of the ostinato.

There were some compensations, if odd ones. Not many Bruckner performances, for instance, can call to mind Stravinsky (in detached woodwind choruses), Elgar (again in woodwind scoring), Vaughan Williams (in divisi string chords) and Mascagni (in the cello melody of the slow movement).

And the appearance of the first movement's main theme in inversion, which usually turns the whole world upside down, was here a disturbingly insouciant piece of sleight of hand.

However, it is hard to value these things as evidence of some attempt to demythicize Bruckner, if only because other aspects of the performance, including most infuriatingly an inability to get intri entries together, suggested instead, and more simply, inadequacy.

Paul Griffiths

Fatally flawed reading

THEATRE

'Tis Pity She's a Whore
Citizens', Glasgow

Philip Prowse and Jacobean revenge tragedy have for some years been a mouthwatering combination. Sure enough, this new look at *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* has implacable destiny, original sin and retribution, with death washing all *around it.*

The play has now been brought inside the church, *where incense lies heavy on* the air. Only calico sheets, deliberately drawn across, sometimes divide off a private chamber. Black altars heavy with votive candles litter the stage; a shrouded catafalque tellingly doubles as a bed; hooded black figures shoulder coffins through the church, filled with victims of the pestilence which rages without; bells toll. The scene is well and truly set for the incestuous but all-conquering passion between Annabella and her brother Giovanni.

The extraordinary power of Ford's play is that this relationship, damned by every taboo and by every law of God and nature, can seem good and positive when contrasted with the corruption all around it. This production does all the corruption wonderfully.

Rupert Farley as the Italian-hating Spaniard Vasques, servant to Soranzo, is full of menace, a thin-lipped piece of *incarnate evil, goading them* all on. Ron Donachie as Soranzo, who eventually marries the hapless Annabella, is a great bear, tossing his bride high in the air in delight at the marriage, and then a wounded *bull when he discovers she is* with child by another.

Yolanda Vasquez, every bit as beautifully exotic as her name suggests, makes an irresistible Annabella, her repentance scene being particularly affecting. Tragedy there is aplenty.

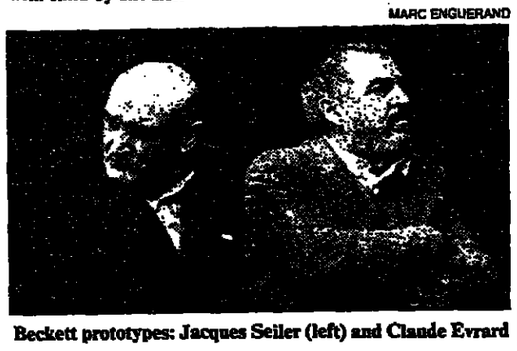
Unfortunately it is not the tragedy John Ford intended, because all this good work is reduced to nothing by a very poor performance from Tristram Wymark. He plays Giovanni as a petulant, arrogant sub-Byronic boy, mangling the touching love poetry to his sister and suggesting that, far from being in the grip of uncontrollable passion for her, he just invented the whole thing to draw attention to *himself.*

It is about as wilful a misreading of a play as you could *ever* have the misfortune to encounter.

Robert Dawson Scott

FRENCH THEATRE

Mercier et Camier
Créteil Maison des Arts



MARC ENGUERAND

Beckett prototypes: Jacques Seiler (left) and Claude Evrard

Even those whose theatrical bent does not usually curve in the direction of the work of Samuel Beckett, would find it hard not to be intellectually stimulated, intelligently *amused and thoroughly* entertained by this première.

Originally a novel of the *same name*, dramatized and directed by Pierre Chabert, the work acquires a lucidity that makes it perfect Beckett for beginners. The Irish author's first work in French, written in 1946 but not published *until 1970, it has plenty* of scholarly depths in which Beckettians will find the embryonic personalities of Vladimir and Estragon, before they began to wait for Godot.

Chabert slims the unusually well-populated book down to its two central characters, Mercier and Camier. The *other personages are trans*formed into disembodied voices, neatly emulating the oscillation between visible and invisible which is an essential of Beckett's theatre.

Mercier and Camier are two ageing men, a pseudo-couple, who can neither be with nor without one another. Vagabond philosophers, they set out on a journey that takes them full circle around themselves. In this journey the then 40-year-old Beckett was also stalking someone, himself.

Beckett's poetic pen-portraits of Mercier and Camier are adroitly transplanted to the living stage, by Chabert's firm direction and by the strong interpretative powers of Jacques Seiler as Camier and *Claude Evrard as Mercier.*

Maintaining this high level of excellence is the voice of Guy Jacquet, who is not so much the narrator but the "author" of the play, manipulating Mercier and Camier according to the seeming improvisations of his own recounting of their story.

Diane Hill

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Perfect happy return

RECITAL

Maria João Pires
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This recital, given by a pianist who was forced by illness to abandon her career in the 1970s, provided the strongest possible evidence that Maria João Pires' newly flourishing talents are to be reckoned with those of the finest of her generation.

Hers was a decidedly non-extrovert programme, with the two Mozart sonatas, K330 and K331 with which she began, very much setting the tone for the rest of the afternoon. They were played not just with a remarkably clean touch, but also with the most refined sensitivity to *tone-colour and phrasing.*

She sustained the broad variations of the first movement in K331, for instance, with grace, tenacity and classical restraint; while her control over timbres, hard as well as soft, and her irresistible rythmic impulse, in the Rondo alla Turca finale of that work, more than compensated for the marginal lack of physical power in her fingers. Indeed, that limitation was less of a shortcoming than one might have imagined, for it also meant that she was utterly incapable of making an ugly sound.

If the Mozart was revealing, Ravel's *Jeux d'eau* seemed perfectly suited to her touch and temperament. She gave the work quite ravishingly, *shading each and every note in* its sweeping torrents of arpeggios with delicate care, and playing as though the music lay effortlessly beneath the hands.

Such facility was only a foretaste of what was to come in Chopin's 24 Preludes. Time and again one was startled in this cycle by Pires' composure, her intelligent pacing, and her refusal to allow the sentimental to become sickly or the brilliant to degenerate to empty display. In short, she *encapsulated the character* and scale of each of these miniatures to perfection, whether in the harmonic meanderings of the A minor Prelude, or in the violent fury of that in B flat minor.

Stephen Pettitt



Vivacious reflection: Jane Birkin with (in mirror) Agnès Varda, maker of *Jane B par Agnès V.*

Causes and clauses

BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Berlin Festival public loves to demonstrate for causes; year by year there have been representations on behalf of political prisoners in Turkey or Iran, or the USSR or South Africa, or wherever the current black spot may be. *This year the dominant causes* have been Hare Krishnas in Russia, and saving Britain from Clause 28. I reported last week the circulation of a petition around the festival; subsequently there were vari*ous Clause 28 demonstrations* and stage appeals whenever an appropriate film was shown.

The Germans' human rights argument is that legislation against defence of a minority is an automatic incitement to repression. Germans have perhaps a special sensitivity here, with memories of their own Clause 175, a vague and superficially fairly unexceptionable provision, only repealed in 1967, which gave Hitler the excuse to imprison or exterminate thousands of homosexuals.

The British threat scarcelyseems that extreme; still, between Clause 28 and (in contrast) the huge Berlin ovation for Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom*, Britain had its share of the limelight.

The socialist bloc continued to offer *glasnost*-era confessional: from Poland came Janusz Zaorski's **Mother Krol and Her Sons**, an unsparing *indictment of the perversion* and crimes of the Party organization in the Stalin era.

The black *times have been a* regular theme for several years, but it is only now that the violence — the beatings and torture and forced confessions — are frankly shown. The film (the title is an ironic *echo of a classic German* communist film of 1929, *Mother Krausen's Journey to Happiness*) tells the story of the odyssey of a widow and her four sons, from the middle Thirties to the death of Stalin.

It is interesting to see contemporary domestic Soviet views on disarmament, in a *feature-length documentary*. Risk, which traces the history of atomic weapons from the Twenties to the Washington summit. The history is understandably selective and partial, though perhaps no more so than it would be in an American counterpart; and certainly Stalin — sending his own atom scientists to the labour camps — appears in no more kindly light than Churchill or von Braun.

Risk was shown alongside a new documentary in Fred *Wiseman's epic series of* examinations of American institutions. Missile patiently and objectively follows the daily life and work of a squadron of Strategic Air Command ("Cornerstone of Peace") which trains Air Force officers to man missile launching centres. This is pure horror comedy: these pleasant young graduates do their job goodhmouredly and without a moment's moral reflection.

They are confident that the planners will know the moment to launch the war, and their only anxiety is that they might fail to pass the exams. Even that is provided for in SAC: there are special classes *to teach the art of cheating in* tests.

Agnès Varda (whose most recent feature was *Vagabond*) sets a precedent with two films in the same festival. **Jane B. par Agnès V.** is a collage of staged scenes and documentary, in the course of which Varda and Jane Birkin *plan the second film of the* diptych, **Kung Fu Master**.

This is a vivacious and charming socio-psychological comedy, but its theme promises to fall foul of the British *Board of Film Censors: Birkin* plays a lady who has an affair with a 14-year-old schoolboy friend of her daughter.

Predictably, the relationship does not end well. The *film is very much a family* affair, with Varda's son Mathieu Demy as the boy, Birkin's daughter Charlotte Gainsbourg as her screen daughter and all the Birkin family as her screen relatives.

David Robinson

Glitter, riches, mystery

LSO/Frühbeck de Burgos
Barbican Hall

Not many violinists carry Vieuxtemps in their repertory these days, but Viktoria Mullova has just put her performance of the A minor Concerto on disc and she gave it with cool elegance, accompanied by the London Symphony Orchestra. Written as a prize work for graduates at the Brussels Conservatory, it invites more than technical bravura on the soloist's part and looks for poetic sensibility as well.

This the Soviet-born violinist was happy to provide, not least in the central slow rhapsody on an operatic theme from Grétry. The extended opening movement gave her the material for an expressive cadenza that also serves a structural purpose, in linking the work into a continuous whole; and while there was some opportunity for display, Miss Mullova preferred to reserve her silken glitter mainly for the *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*, by Saint-Saëns, that followed.

In the first of his three programmes with the LSO this week, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos prefaced the violin works with a different solo *focus on the flute in Debussy's* *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*, the performance affectingly languid without being lax. Mysteriously, though, the flautist was not named in the programme, nor did she appear in the orchestra list; she even vanished from the platform altogether after the *interval and was replaced by* somebody else.

In this second part the *conductor enriched the suite* from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* with graceful solo strings and harp as well as vigorous rhythm, and included two of his own orchestrations of the *Suite espanola* by Albéniz. These are not of the subtlest in instrumental effect, but a contrapuntal thread in "Granada" is cleverly woven and the exhilarating *sevillanas* of "Sevilla" was not to be *denied.*

Noël Goodwin

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SPECTRUM

JOHN ROGERS



Joan Baez: "I suppose it's my arrogance about not being relegated to the Sixties forever"

The same old song but another cause

With a suitcase and guitar in hand, Joan Baez has been protesting now for 25 years. Bryan Appleyard asks why

Joan Baez had been worrying about the floods in Brazil and feeling guilty about the opulence of her suite at Brown's Hotel. "I'm ecstatically happy being surrounded by these beautiful things," she explains, "but there are those people in Rio de Janeiro sliding down a hill . . . "

A quarter of a century after she first emerged as a caring pop star, the laser beam of her compassion is undimmed. From black civil rights through Vietnam, Cambodia, Poland, Northern Ireland, Spain and Ethiopia, she has stood up to be counted on just about every lead story on prime time news. Her suitcase and guitar in hand, she has turned up on the doorsteps of Martin Luther King, Lech Walesa, Vladimir Bukovsky, Francois Mitterrand and anybody else whose name appeared next to a big issue on her shopping list.

Unlike almost every other pop star of the Sixties, she has persisted in the belief that her success was to be used as a political weapon. She still sings protest songs, she still campaigns and she still worries about The Bomb.

She is in London to give a concert and to publicize her autobiography. This is a relentless 400 pages which documents her sex life — including her one celebrated lesbian affair — her politics and, to some extent, her music. It is breathless, sentimental and wildly egotistical. Reading it is like being trapped in a lift with an emotional octopus and a vast selection of holiday slides.

"I was wondering what the English reaction would be to the book — it's not exactly reserved. I hadn't had an album out for a long time and I needed to do something for creative release. I suppose it's something to do with my arrogance about being a relevant human being in the Eighties and not being relegated to the Sixties forever."

But does she think the book is her?

"Oh it's definitely me, right down to the flaws. There has been one criticism which I absolutely accept — my monumental narcissism which gets in the way of other things and stops me seeing things more clearly. I don't think there's much I can do about that."

'There will always be a cause for people like myself'

She is convinced, however, that she can do something about everything else in the world. Most pressingly she wants to wake the United States from the long self-satisfied slumber of the Eighties.

"People are always saying these days in America that they feel good about themselves. I happen to think that is a reaction to the paralysis after Vietnam. They couldn't handle what had been done."

But what is so bad about the Eighties? There is no Vietnam and, so far, there has been no Cuba.

"Well, the world is falling apart. It was falling apart years ago but people seemed slightly more aware of it. Everywhere in the world people have a love hate relationship with America — blue jeans and McDonalds — but we have no sense of reality about anywhere else in the world. I live in a society which is compassionless, the administration knows nothing about poor people, black people or old people."

All of which raises the question of what she would do if there were no causes left to fight.

"There'll always be a cause for people like myself. There will always be people who relate to the problems of the world and people who don't give a damn."

Perhaps the book's most striking passage is its coverage of the Live Aid concert. Baez opened the American end of the show and spent the rest of the day drooling over the hordes of dazzling young men backstage — "I was overstimulated".

The sexual context combines with an obvious insecurity: she was unsure about her audience and uncertain about her role as a 45-year-old folk and protest singer among the scores of rock and rollers. Her personality, always shakily realized amidst the overwriting, finally seems to evaporate in a dim, pink, erotic aura of institutionalized benevolence. The cause and self-gratification become one; it is the apotheosis of the great Sixties illusion, Brown's Hotel and Rio in one perfect synthesis.

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And a Voice to Sing With by Joan Baez is published by Century Hutchinson at £12.95. Joan Baez's London concert is to be on March 16 at 8pm at Hammersmith Odeon.

Thinking of success

Start playing *The Times* Tournament of the Mind today. The tournament, with the questions devised and marked by Mensa, will prove a test of the sharpest brains challenging not only word power, numeracy and logic, but cunning also.

Harold Gale, British Executive Director of Mensa, says: "The contest will become progressively harder as the days turn into weeks. However, some contestants might not actually feel the competition getting more difficult because they will begin to have found out for themselves the short cuts to the solutions. Mind games of this kind are largely a question of practice and routine.

"I would say that of those who are scoring full marks on the questions at the beginning, only about 30 per cent can expect to keep up this standard right until the end. But we shall see.

"It is crucial when taking part in the tournament to be sure you understand the question and be meticulous in answering it. They are carefully devised and checked and will have only one correct solution. It is important to double-check each question carefully to ensure that you have not missed a vital but hidden pointer.

"For example, we have already had people complaining that the answer in the miscellaneous section of yesterday's sample questions — finding the value of a particular square in a grid of numbers — which was the most difficult problem that day with a points value of 5, should be the figure 2 and not 1, as we said.

"If they had thoroughly read the question and followed the instructions, and then filled in the whole grid, they would have seen that the answer could not possibly have been 2.

"The numbers had to check off without repetition on diagonal as well as on vertical and horizontal lines. What they had obviously forgotten was that a diagonal can consist of as few as two and three squares."

THE TIMES

TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

Starting today, a four-week long challenge of brain power and cunning with the chance to win £5,000 and an IBM computer

The first set of questions in Round One today are all of moderate difficulty, as indicated by the point score accompanying each question. The first stage of the tournament will be played over the next 20 days with the questions becoming increasingly difficult, bringing the total score possible to 1,000 points.

The readers gaining the top 100 scores will be invited to join the Tournament Final, which will be played in *The Times* over one week. The individual winner will be named *The Times* Mind of the Year, receive a trophy and also a cheque for £5,000.

In the schools section any number of teams of up to 10 pupils may enter from any school to win an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 computer for their school. The top 10 teams will also be invited to join the finals to find the outright winner.

Do not send in your answers until the end of the 20 days of competition when the address will be given for entries. And do not be put off if you get stuck on an occasional question and find yourself unable to answer it.

Your total score is what counts and all the top 100 readers will have a chance in the final. As Harold Gale says: "I will be very surprised indeed if many people manage a full score."

And above all let the tournament be fun, play it as a family, or with a group of friends.

The prize is yours if you have the mind to win it.

TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

ROUND ONE — The Tournament of the Mind starts here. Try to tackle all the questions, but do not send any of your answers yet.

LOGIC Score 1

Each row, column and diagonal line containing five numbers adds up to 60. You must find the missing numbers to discover the value of the question mark.

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VERBAL Score 1

Which four letters can be placed after STATE, FIG and TOR in order to form three new words?

MATHS Score 1

If you look at the following groups of figures you should be able to work out the logic which will enable you to discover the value of the question mark.

(15 2 5 = 35) (17 1 3 = 20)
(12 4 2 = 50) (10 5 8 = ?)

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The change in your pocket totals £16.38, made up of only four types of coin of the realm. You have 91 of each type. What are the coins?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Score 1 each

1. Who wrote *Kane and Abel*?
2. In which county is Grasmere?
3. Which is the taller: the Telecom tower, London (formerly known as the Post Office tower) or Blackpool tower?
4. Who wrote the theme tune to the film *Chariots of Fire*?
5. Which war ended in 1953?

ROUND ONE — ANSWERS

Fill in your answers here, cut out the coupon and store it somewhere safe along with all future coupons until the Tournament ends.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Answer 1 .....

Answer 2 .....

Answer 3 .....

Answer 4 .....

Answer 5 .....

NAME .....

Still causing a stir

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Philip Howard

Some slang is as evanescent as slush in Soho. But other slang endures long after we have forgotten its original meaning. The international rugby season is only half over, but already the scrummaging hacks are speculating about who is going to win the wooden spoon.

Here is a headline from the *Daily Wail*: "A flat rate for the wooden spoonists". Don't ask me what it means. Headlines in the blats are for display rather than perspicuity.

Here is a very old metaphor that is still in robust health. It is reasonably well known that an actual Wooden Spoon, looking a bit like an oar, used to be presented to the last of the Junior Optimes, i.e. the man (no women allowed in those days, Best Beloved) who came bottom of those taking honours in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge.

In plainer words, it was the booby prize. It was a wet English public-school joke of the kind you would expect from the junior, cloth-cap-and-earnest-conversations-about-the-meaning-of-life university. There is a reference in a Cambridge guide book published in 1803 to "Wooden Spoon for wooden heads: the lowest of the Junior Optimes." Byron referred to the custom in *Don Juan*:

Sure my invention must be down at zero,
And I grown one of many "wooden spoons."
Of verse (the name with which we Cantabs please
To dub the last of honours in degrees).

In another example of Tab humour, the top of the first division in sums was called the Senior Wrangler. In 1824, T.H. Wedgwood, destined to become a famous etymologist, came bottom in the Classical Tripos. Accordingly for a while Cambridge tried the Wooden Wedge, or the Wedge, as a variant for the Wooden Spoon. Not surprisingly it did not catch on.

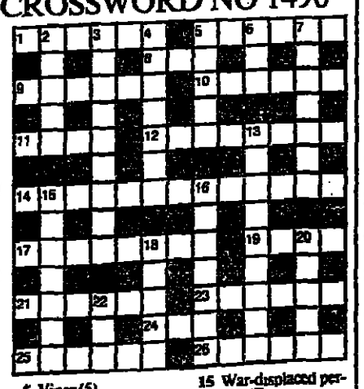
The last occasion on which an actual Wooden Spoon was awarded was in 1909: the recipient was C.L. Holthouse of St John's College. Years later he presented it to his old college; and there it still hangs in the Combination Room.

After 1909, the names of the men in the three classes of the Tripos were no longer arranged in order of merit, but alphabetically, as they still are today. So it is no longer possible to tell who is the Wooden Spoon, or the Senior Wrangler.

It was a jokey Cambridge custom to hang a wooden spoon in the Senate House on Degree Day. On November 17, 1877, Charles Darwin appeared in the Senate House to receive an Hon LLD degree. "The undergraduates, who filled the galleries and cheered heartily, suspended (in place of the Wooden Spoon on the day of admission of Honour candidates) a monkey — quite to Darwin's satisfaction."

In spite of its rarefied origin, the Wooden Spoon has become an essential term for the booby prize or last in a race. It flourishes and sends out new roots and suckers long after the schoolboy custom and memory of it have died. You cannot open your mouth or punch your VDU in English (or any ancient, complex language, for that matter) without writing history of a sort.

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23 Dense (6)
24 Condensed vapour (3)
25 Cuff lining (6)
26 Lie snugly (6)

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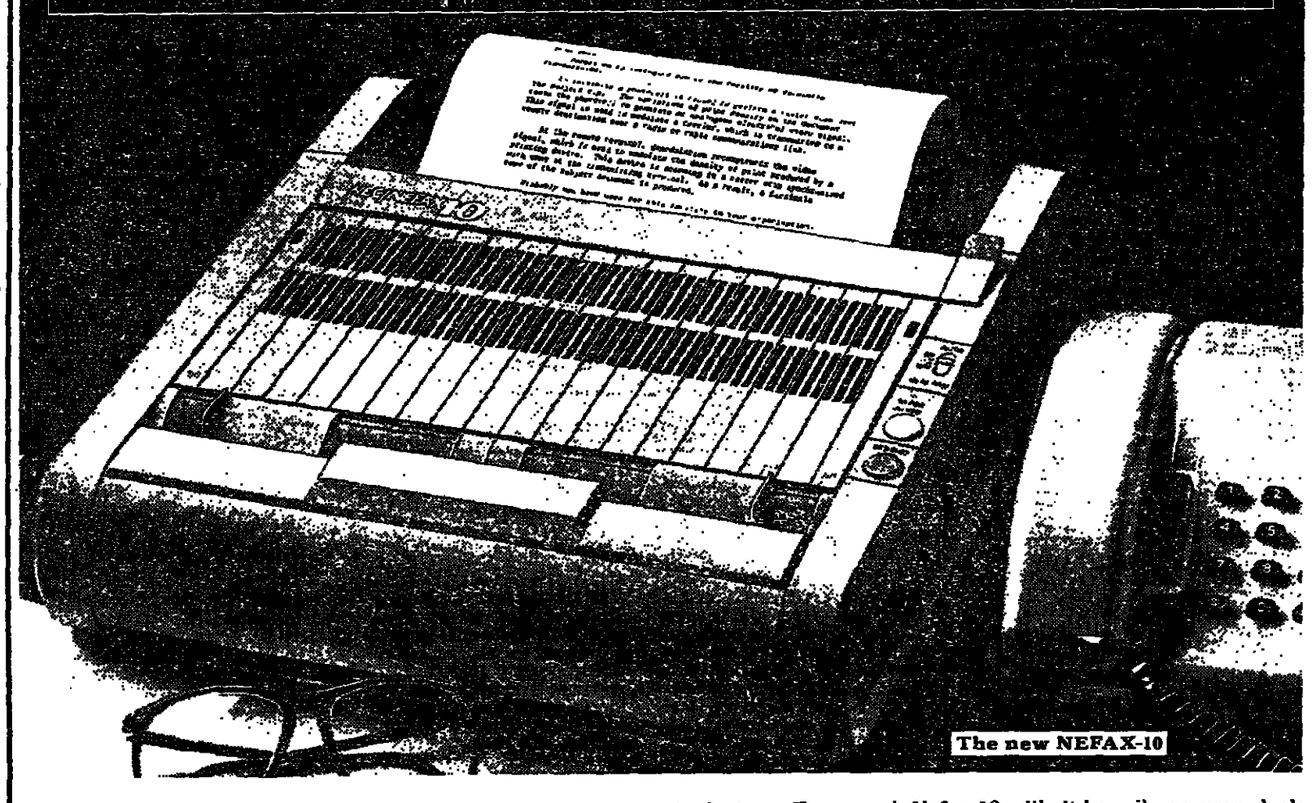
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TIMES DIARY

BARBARA AMIEL

The first cup of tea on my British Airways flight to Toronto brought home to me one of the more telling differences between transatlantic cultures. The hand offering me the tea belonged to Mr Edward Jarrett, whose badge identified him as a "steward". This would be prohibited on an Air Canada flight, where the drive against sexist language has replaced "steward" with the antiseptic "flight attendant". Despite my nostalgia for those young, beautifully groomed creatures who in an earlier unenlightened sexist age were called "stewardesses", Mr Jarrett reminded me that there are great advantages in encouraging men to replace women in such jobs. They are prompt, unflappable and courteous. Mr Jarrett managed to be meticulous about safety regulations without that awful trait commonly found in females of officiousness. Never mind if men are better executives, which they may or may not be, they are far better at menial jobs than women. Perhaps I have been wrong in fighting affirmative action and job quotas for persons of different genders or sexual orientation.

When I arrived at my sister's home in Toronto the entire family was grouped around the television set watching the Winter Olympics, except for my sister. It was the opening ceremonies that put her off, she told me. First, there were the chuckwagons tearing around the stadium. This was followed by ladies from Quebec in white aprons carrying brooms doing a dance. It was the federal government's idea of Canada, she explained. This aspect got worse as the preparation for the games proceeded. There was the 18,000-kilometre run across Canada with the Olympic torch being carried by 6,520 carefully picked representatives of Canada, not forgetting the snowmobile, dog sled and wheelchair population. It was four months before the torch arrived at a giant tepee in the stadium. Then, the hauntingly beautiful national anthem of Canada was performed at the opening of the games by a lone native Indian singing in the Dene language, which is understood by perhaps 0.0005 per cent of the Canadian population. When the crowds tried to join in the chorus of the anthem, they discovered it was being sung in alternate lines of French and English, which reduced everyone to complete silence. Most Canadians speak English most of the time and rather enjoy singing their national anthem.

Just before I left London I read that females were to be hired for duties in Britain's male prisons but that they would not be given work that could compromise the privacy of male inmates. This worried me, because Canada has been using female guards in all its penal institutions for many years. Recently, the Mounted Police stopped using women in their lockups when the men complained that they disliked women watching them in the lavatories or in a state of undress. The women pointed out, correctly, that part of their job was to check up on prisoners when they were not expecting to be watched and, in particular, to supervise them carefully in the lavatories, where concealment of drugs or weapons often took place. The RCMP was taken to task by the Human Rights Commission, which argued that it was discriminatory not to allow women to guard men. The tribunal hearing the case disagreed but the Canadian government ignored the decision.

It simply baffles me. I don't understand why, if a woman wants to be a guard or a warden, she can't be one in a female prison. There is some ingrained modesty that even a convict has about his naked body and intimate acts, and it seems to me wrong to take away the last remaining shred of a jailed man's dignity by appointing women to watch him squatting on a toilet. I thought this was why the United Nations passed a covenant, to which we are signatory, forbidding men to guard women. It is this insane drive for equality that now seems to take us past all consideration of humanity and common sense.

BARRY FANTONI



'I wish that 727 would get out of the way of the TriStar. I'm trying to see Concorde'

Apart from the Olympics, the Canadian newspapers are full of the tales of a man named Muhammad Issa Mohammad, 44, who has been quietly living with his wife, three children and stuffed toys in the small city of Brantford, Ontario, for over a year. It seems that he had an attack of Waldheimer's disease and forgot to mention on his application for landed immigrant status that he had been convicted by a Greek court in 1968 for his part in a two-man PLO attack on an El Al airliner in Athens that killed one passenger. He received a 17-year sentence but was deported to Lebanon in 1971 in a hostage trade. Mohammad's lawyer is arguing, among other points, that he has been rehabilitated in the years since the incident. I mention this because Canada has also passed a law allowing its courts to hold war crimes trials, and I think Mr Hurd, who is considering the same thing, might take a look at moral relativism in action. I wonder, for example, why the quiet lives of men who committed Nazi crimes over 40 years ago can't be used to demonstrate their "rehabilitation". I suppose it just depends what country or ideology is in or out of favour.

Michael Heseltine on the reforms urgently needed in Whitehall

Clear the desks for action

A major objective of this Government has been to improve the quality and reduce the quantity of administration doing the Government's business. Using deregulation and privatization as instruments of policy, we have narrowed the frontiers of "government business" with some success. But there are still 600,000 civil servants, and the number of local authority employees has been more contained than reduced.

Those of us who have played a significant role in this realize that, on quality of administration, there is still little to crow about. Sir Robin Ibbs has passed judgement and finds the Civil Service remains characterized by diffusion of responsibility; widespread lack of accountability; confusion between ministers and permanent secretaries over their respective responsibilities for the management and delivery of services; preference for involvement in policy formulation rather than management and implementation; a lack of managerial experience, expertise and confidence, especially at senior levels; performance reviews that are "neither rigorous nor sustained"; preoccupation with financial input rather than effective delivery or output; centrally determined rules and regulations that are "structured to fit everything in general and nothing in particular"; a system within which "changing the rules is assumed to be impossible".

Few headmasters would be as dismissive of their charges' endeavours as that. Not even a "could do better" to imply at least the talent if not the will!

Twenty years after Fulton and six years into the Government's Financial Management Initiative (FMI), Sir Robin's diagnosis is depressing, especially so for those of us who know how able and dedicated are many of the public servants sentenced to work within this system. Precedent-based and centralized decision-sharing constrains initiative and frustrates flair. Prolonged exposure turns the would-be manager from rough diamond to smooth pebble.

Sir Robin tackles his subject head-on. First, he recognizes that the Civil Service is too big and diverse to continue to be micro-managed from its centre. He argues that line managers should be given greatly increased authority; that the price for such authority should be greater accountability; and, recognizing that a market for public sector management hardly exists, he argues one should be created.

The acid test for the report lies in its recommendations for creating such a market, where pay and performance and supply and demand are to be much more closely related than Whitehall's "centre", (for which read "the Treasury") has allowed.

The key recommendations call for "agencies" to be established within a policy and resources framework much more loosely controlled by government. Much of the Government's response accepts agencies, but within the Civil Service, which might be thought akin to asking Nero to run Imperial Rome's fire services.

In my view there are five clear objectives that need to be pursued, and can only be pursued by a government as strong and wilful as this one.

First, the division of the personnel and training functions between Cabinet Office and Treasury is opportunist, reflecting more the need to contain Civil Service unions than highlight the attention to career planning and preparation found in the best private companies.

Second, in drawing the distinction between small numbers of policy makers and large numbers of administrators the report fails to advocate terms of employment for administrators that are based clearly on results. The Armed Forces now have fixed terms of employment, with promotion if merited or retirement on generous terms. New entrants, at least to the Civil Service administrative world, should follow that precedent.

Third, it points to performance reviews that are neither rigorous nor sustained. That is quite right: and this failure will continue for as long as there is no basic system of management information in common form across Whitehall departments, costed, published and scrutinized against quantified objectives wherever possible. Whitehall is not about the pursuit of profit, but ought to be about the pursuit of standards and their delivery. Too much detail is left buried, thus unchallenged.

Fourth, the creation of an enterprise culture will not take root in the public sector until there is far greater interchange of senior appointments into and out of the private sector. Only a fool would believe civil servants are not up to the rigours of the market place; the best are leaving in droves to excel in that very market place. The good governance of Britain needs more of them and their private sector peers back in public service, at least on short-term contract.

Fifth, there is now an urgent need for a much wider dispersal of civil servants' jobs throughout the country. This should happen not in any penny-pinching atmosphere of parsimony but as a recognition of the opportunities of the technology-assisted office, the sophistication of modern communications, the dangers of over-heating in the South and the desirability that the public sector should negotiate pay locally and in small units within centrally controlled cash limits.

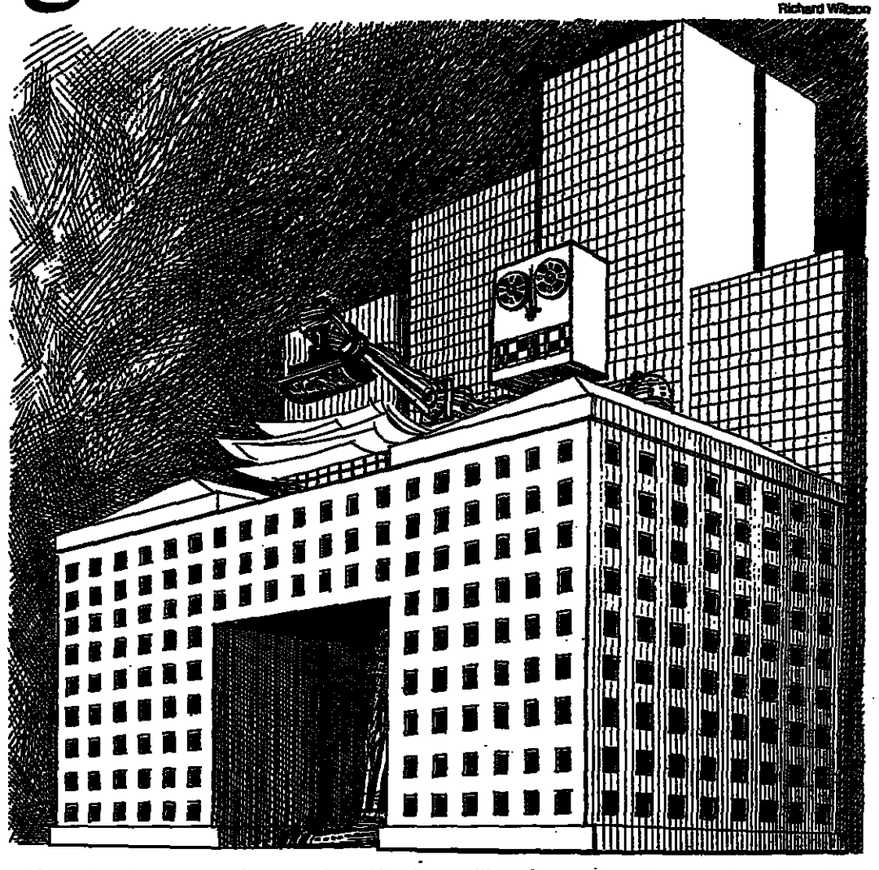
I strongly support steps to enhance efficiency in government. There is so much to be gained if we really shift the debate in Britain away from cash inputs to service outputs. The proposals in *The Next Steps* are aptly titled, for they are no more than that. Urgently and expertly implemented, they should provide the start point for far more sweeping changes to clear away the job-for-life, salary-by-seniority regime that continues to separate the Civil Service from those it aspires to administer.

Two years ago, Anne Mueller, the Permanent Secretary in charge of bringing about the shift of emphasis in Whitehall away from advising towards doing, said that the Civil Service had developed a "bias for action". We shall see.

T.E. Utley

Honouring town hall humbug

Richard Wilson



Tory politicians with a penchant for political philosophy have been saying for many decades that part of the essence of English conservatism is strong aversion to centralized power and, accordingly, a passionate belief in the virtues of local government. This seed, for so long diligently sown in the public mind, is now producing a bitter harvest, for almost everything which Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet is currently engaged in doing seems on the face of it to be designed to reduce local government to minimal proportions. So it is, most conspicuously, with the proposed legislation on education and housing, and so it arguably is with the poll tax.

Confronted with this charge that they have betrayed one of the fundamental principles of conservatism, the stock answer of the Tories is that they have not. The need to prove that proposition, however, causes them increasing embarrassment. Ever charitable towards this party, I would like to suggest an alternative approach. I think the Tories should now examine the historical and intellectual credentials of their respect for local government. If they do so, I suspect they will discover that these credentials are extremely thin, and that this particular element in Conservative doctrine is a relatively modern heresy.

I will be told, of course, that in 1888 the great Lord Salisbury created elected county councils. In fact, these were bodies with modest powers, kept under the most strict parliamentary supervision. To suggest they were the ancestors of the vast metropolitan authorities and over-weaning borough councils which now exist is a distortion of history.

I will also be reminded of those immortal, wise and deeply moving words of Edmund Burke: "To be attached to the sub-division, to love the little platoon we belong to in society, is the first principle (the germ as it were) of public affections. It is the first link in the series by which we proceed towards a love to our country, and to mankind." But did Burke have in mind the GLC? Did he, indeed, have in mind local government in the technical sense at all? Of course he did not. He had in mind all those private associations and loyalties — to the family, the village, the profession and the trade — which, in a healthy, stable and free society occupy the minds and evoke the energies of most people for most of the time. Conservatives ought to believe that it is essential to the welfare of society as a whole that there should be independent and competing centres of power within society.

The creation of vast structures of local government, wielding coercive power, ridden with tyrannical bureaucracy, failing conspicuously to command even enough interest from their subjects to induce most of them to stagger to the polling booths, and far more exposed to the perils of corruption than is central government, would not have appealed to Edmund Burke.

In all this discussion, there seems to me to be one huge confusion. It is the confusion between the centralizing of power and the concentration of excessive power in central government. The first is not necessarily bad, the second is always bad.

History gives us no reason for supposing that relatively small political entities like city states are particularly liberal. Calvin's Geneva has not gone down to posterity as a model of the free society. What matters is not the location of power, whether in a borough council or a Secretary of State — but the extent of the power and the rigour with which its exercise is controlled. To transfer powers from local authorities to central government may be, and in contemporary Britain mostly is, a liberating act. It is a pity that Mrs Thatcher's intellectual mentors have on the whole failed to grasp this distinction.

These thoughts were put into my mind by reading an admirable pamphlet on the opting out clauses of the Education Reform Bill (*Opting Out*, by Sheila Lawlor, Centre For Policy Studies £3.90). I am profoundly suspicious of much of Mr Baker's education policy and of Mr Baker in general. His original plans for subjecting the universities to the control of a system of national bureaucracy dominated by himself was presumptuous and appalling. It is said that thanks to vigorous criticism it has been much modified. Nevertheless, on this as on all other points, this column will continue "to have its eye on him".

However, the opting out clauses of his Bill are being attacked for the wrong reasons. Their aim is to enable schools which resent the tyranny and ham-handedness of local authorities to escape into the protective custody of the Secretary of State. This is not the frying pan into the fire as you might expect, since the Secretary of State's powers (with the exception of a few which could be amended) are to be carefully limited and regulated. I think that this is, in principle, a liberating measure — liberating for parents, for teachers and almost everybody else with a genuine and practical interest in the education of children. In practice, nevertheless, I suspect it will be a flop.

To exercise the rights that will be given to them under this legislation, parents will have to enact some very complicated procedures requiring an immense taste for arduous committee work, lobbying and the like. They will have to purchase the manumission of their schools by petitioning governors, participating in ballots and so on. Morally healthy people in a free society have very little inclination to spend their evenings in that way. The people who do get a kick out of that sort of thing are for the most part cranks, middle-class Alliance types with an abstract interest in education.

During the great debate about the trade unions, there were those who said that the thing to do was not to reduce the power of the unions, but to encourage the silent majority of sensible workmen who cut union meetings to exert their democratic rights and out-vote the loonies. Happily, this view did not entirely prevail, precisely because it was understood that there was no way in which ordinary people could be induced to spend a great deal of their time in collective political activity of this sort. The way to increase choice is to give to individuals acting for themselves the power to make it.

This is why, I think, the voucher system would have been preferable to opting out. If parents were given by government a voucher representing the cost of educating their children in the state system, and then allowed to spend it inside or outside that system, supplementing it with their own money if they had a mind to, a real enlargement of freedom would be conferred on them. The Government would not grasp this nettle, yet the flack it is getting over opting out is not much less than it would have got had it adopted the simpler and clearer alternative.

Maybe the voucher system would have cost too much money, but so assuredly will opting out if it takes on. Could it be that Mr Baker really hopes that it will not take on? That he has found something that will seem to the Prime Minister to be a liberalizing and radical measure, but which will in fact leave the present deplorable arrangements comfortably undisturbed? Well, it could.

Commentary • BEN PIMLOTT

Waldheim's lesson

Pillorying a decrepit old monster is a safe, savage sport. But what should the Waldheim campaign really be about? What ought its implications to be for our own times? Absent from the protests has been any suggestion that present day objectors who *do* take the drastic step of rejecting immoral pressures ought to be treated with a proper understanding.

In the eyes of his accusers, President Waldheim's crime was not the initiation of slaughter, but a morally blind commitment, a careerist's devotion, to the wishes of his employer. His critics argue that there are limits beyond which no soldier or civil servant should ever go if not under immediate physical threat; and that there is a higher, universal code, superior to military orders or official ideologies. The historians' commission makes the same point and so, implicitly — in its diplomatic cold-shouldering of Waldheim, in its timely inquiry into war criminals allegedly resident here, and in its reopening of the file on executed British commandoes — does the British Government.

But if such a code exists, it must apply with equal rigour to all soldiers and officials, not just those who served in defeated armies or who acted in the name of infamous regimes. If the hue and cry against Waldheim has any purpose, it must surely be in part as an example to others and as a deterrent. It must apply as much in democratic countries as in authoritarian ones, in peace as well as in war. Above all it has to depend not on the wisdom of ministers or courts or even public opinion, but on the lonely, individual judgement of those who face unhappy choices.

There is the interesting case, recently reported, of the playwright William Douglas-Home, who refused to take part in a wartime British attack on a German-held town because he believed that it would result in unnecessary French civilian casualties. He seems to have been vindicated: there were no British losses in the assault, but 2,000 French civilians died during the preliminary British bombardment. Nevertheless, he was court-marshalled, imprisoned and cashiered. Today, in the light of the principles upheld by the Waldheim inquiry, Douglas-Home is considering seeking a free pardon. If he succeeds, or gets some signal of forgiveness, an important precedent will be set for soldiers in future wars.

What, meanwhile, of the civilian public servants? Inevitably, most cases never come to public attention. But recent examples show little official consideration for tender consciences. Sarah Tisdall, the clerk whose convictions led her to leak the date of the arrival of the first cruise missiles, and was sent to prison; Clive Ponting, the assistant secretary whose stomach turned at being required to mislead Parliament over the sinking of the Belgrano, and who was saved from jail only by a jury's sense of fair play; and John Stalker who, like Ponting, sacrificed his career to pursue truth and prevent the concealment of it. Each, and others who have left more quietly, has made the kind of decision — sometimes arrogant and occasionally misguided, yet often sincere and courageous — that most of us feel Lt Waldheim should have made in 1944.

According to the historians, if he had resisted orders he would probably not have faced execution. Nor, indeed, has that been the fate of British peacetime refuseniks. Nevertheless, the harsh official reaction towards internal critics who have felt driven to highlight serious mistakes, and the extreme reluctance of government to permit the serious investigation of abuse, are matters that should give our nation pause, at a time when we are contemplating the past sins of others.

Britain, it will be said, has a cleaner record than many of its neighbours. Certainly in every wartime occupied territory where there was a degree of collaboration with the Germans, cases of officialdom behaving in ways which today may be judged immoral or criminal must be countless. But this is not something about which this country can be smug. In retrospect, who ought now to be regarded as braver: a British bomber who took part in the notorious Dresden raid, or one who refused?

Arguably, we might be an even prouder nation if, during the war, there had been more William Douglas-Homes. So too in peacetime. The Waldheim affair has become a focus for that most comfortable and untaxing of emotions, moral outrage. It might, instead, be turned into a useful lesson, if some of the most vociferous denouncers of Nazi crimes now turned their attention to those Britons who find themselves in conscientious conflict with the state — and to considering how such people might better be protected from political vengeance.

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SCIENCE REPORT

X-raying Earth

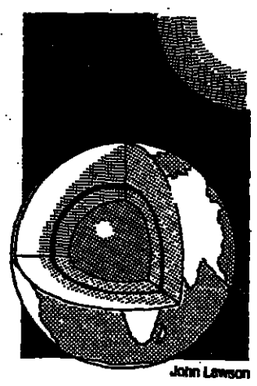
A scheme for using the most elusive known particles of matter as a way of studying the deep interior of the Earth is now being worked out. The aim is to produce the equivalent of X-ray images of the Earth's interior, using instead of X-rays the particles called neutrinos, which interact so weakly with other kinds of matter that most of those reaching the Earth pass straight through it.

A. Nicolaidis, of the University of Thessaloniki in Greece, now argues in the journal *Physics Letters* that although the neutrinos copiously emitted from the Sun mostly pass straight through this planet, there should be subtle changes in their character, providing clues to the distribution of matter within the Earth.

Neutrinos have no electric charge, and although there have been some suggestions that they may have a small amount of mass, this must certainly be much less than the mass of the electron, otherwise the least massive of all the material particles of matter.

Neutrinos pass through solid matter far more easily than light through glass. Whereas an inch or two of shielding will stop most particles of matter, the average neutrino would pass through a lead block thicker than the distance to the nearest star.

The proposal to explore the Earth with neutrinos has grown from the surprising discovery last decade that the Sun emits only about a third as



John Lawson

many neutrinos as expected. Previously, it had been thought that the temperature at the centre of the Sun and the thermonuclear reactions powering it were so well known that the numbers of neutrinos released by the nuclear reactions could be accurately calculated.

The numbers are huge. At the surface of the Earth, more than 10,000 million neutrinos pass through every square centimetre every second. Only by building huge detectors and sensitive instruments can they be detected, at a rate of only a few every day.

Strenuous efforts have left the discrepancy between expectation and reality unresolved. The explanation most favoured is that the Sun and the neutrino detectors are working as they should, but that something happens to the neutrinos in transit. One possibility arises because there are now known to be three similar but distinct kinds of neutrinos. If the Sun's neutrinos, which are all one kind, transmute as they travel into equal numbers of all three kinds, then the dilemma is resolved: the neutrino detectors, which register only one kind, record only one third of the total number.

In the hope of testing these speculative ideas independently of what is happening in the Sun, the Israeli physicists Arnon Dar and Ady Mann suggested in *Nature* last year that the Earth itself be used as a test device.

The principle is that neutrinos should transform into other kinds more rapidly when passing through solid matter than empty space, which should mean a small but noticeable difference between the numbers of neutrinos detected by day and at night.

Nicolaidis has now turned this argument on its head, arguing that if the Earth can be used to test neutrino theories, neutrinos can be used to test the structure of the Earth.

With a neutrino lamp on one side of the Earth, and a detector on the other, the internal structure of the Earth could be mapped out, much as modern medical devices can look inside the human brain by carefully shining X-rays from all angles. But there is a snag: the only bright neutrino lamps we have are better known as nuclear bombs.

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PHANTOMS IN COURT

When Mrs Nigel Lawson made her unscheduled court appearance to answer a drink-driving charge last December, the haste and privacy of the proceedings drew widespread condemnation. The handling of the case strengthened suspicions that there was one law for the rich and well connected, who could keep their brush with the law to themselves, and another for the less privileged, whose misdeeds would be placed on record in the local newspaper and held up to public opprobrium.

In Mrs Lawson's case, the apparent attempt to limit information and access probably drew more attention and more adverse comment than if the prosecution had proceeded in the usual way. It transpires, however, that other defendants are more fortunate. According to a report published yesterday by the Association of British Editors (ABE), there are numerous cases in which the parties involved have successfully evaded publicity altogether.

The ABE declines to speculate as to whether court officials (through deviousness or negligence), solicitors (intent on protecting their clients' interests), or journalists (through insufficient knowledge of court procedure) bear the greatest responsibility for this. From a survey of more than 900 local newspapers, however, its report provides a catalogue of the methods by which publicity is avoided. Cases may be heard unannounced ahead of schedule; they may be transferred to a different court or even to a different district; reporters may be barred from the proceedings without cause, and reporting restrictions may be imposed unjustifiably.

Whatever the method, the result is the same: the public is denied knowledge to which it is entitled and a person whose reputation might be damaged by a court appearance is spared embarrassment. Among the beneficiaries have been not only celebrities and political figures, but also (with disturbing regularity) people connected with the courts or the judiciary.

Such a situation is clearly unsatisfactory. Much of the blame is being attached to Section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act (1981) which is so loosely worded as to allow a court to restrict reporting almost at whim. While it may have been intended to protect national security, the identity of a minor or the safety of an individual or his family, the survey suggests that they are being used increasingly to protect an individual's reputation — with no legal justification whatever.

Court officials give a different explanation for not giving details of cases: financial exigency and confidentiality. "Cuts", some of them say, mean they have neither the staff nor the funds to provide information to the press systematically — even though newspapers are generally prepared to pay for the service. Others claim (wrongly) that the Data Protection Act prevents them from releasing personal details of the defendant if they are held on computer.

The failure of courts to provide reliable information to the press about the cases they have heard would be a cause for less concern if details of the verdicts were routinely available afterwards. But this is not so. As the law stands, individuals and the press are entitled to know the outcome of all court cases except those in which local newspapers and the public probably have the greatest interest: criminal cases heard in Crown and magistrates' courts. A register of the decisions is kept, but the public has no right to see it. Individuals and representatives of the press will only obtain details at the discretion of the court.

At present, this discretion is exercised inconsistently across the country. The ABE report praises Coventry Magistrates' Court which uses its discretion to supply a daily list of court cases (with full details of the defendant, the charge and the names of counsel) and — at the end of each day's proceedings — a complete list of judgements.

If Coventry can supply this information, there is no reason why other courts should not do the same. If it takes a pronouncement by the Lord Chancellor to restore confidence in the lower courts, in the form of a directive to *all* courts, that should be forthcoming.

THE EXAMINATION THAT DOESN'T

Parents, teachers, employers and everyone else interested in education have good reason to worry about GCSE, the new school-leaving qualification which is beginning to provoke such anguish now that the first 600,000 pupils are nearing the end of their two-year course. Although some of the classroom innovations that have accompanied it are welcome, the examination, as it stands, has always been misconceived.

Its egalitarian ethos — the fear of separating sheep from goats — is misplaced. The undue emphasis it puts on notions like empathy with the subject at the expense of factual knowledge of it is a serious mistake. The GCSE was promoted and embraced as a key part of "child-centred" education. It allows pupils to be assessed entirely on their coursework. It is an examination which abolishes examinations.

In language, it rates conversational facility above grammar. In history, it rates interpretation above fact. In mathematics, it rates the application of skills above their acquisition, the very issue that led Mr Kenneth Baker to reject the interim report of the mathematics working group which was supposed to be laying the ground for the national curriculum.

There has been far too much seductive but empty chatter about how GCSE will allow all pupils to show what they know, understand and can do. There has been far too little talk of academic rigour and ensuring minimum standards of literacy and numeracy.

None of that is surprising. The philosophy underlying GCSE reeks of its provenance: the 1960s liberalism of an education establishment always more concerned that children should be "happy" than that they should be tested and stretched. And it was Sir Keith (now Lord) Joseph, would-be apostle of excellence, who approved it all and pushed it through.

GCSE is the wrong answer to the right question. The question is how to improve the quality of teaching and learning. The answer, as Mr Baker has proclaimed, and as the Education Reform Bill affirms, is to introduce a compulsory core curriculum accompanied by programmes of study detailing what pupils of differing ability should know and then measuring at regular intervals whether they do.

The truth now slowly dawning is that, once the core curriculum is in place and the programmes of study devised, GCSE will have to be entirely recast. In other words, introducing it first was a classic case of putting the cart before the horse. To have sanctioned something so fundamentally at odds with the Government' purposes looks like a painful blunder.

For the present, there is nothing to be done. It will be three or four years before the windy aspirations of GCSE can be replaced by the specific criteria which are being devised by the national curriculum working groups. Only after that can we hope to see the benefits of the positive side of GCSE: particularly the attempt to make teaching styles more imaginative and challenging and to involve children more in their learning.

Until then, employers are likely to become increasingly dependent on a battery of basic skills tests designed to discover whether youngsters have actually learnt anything useful. Parents will have to take what comfort they can from the very strong probability that the examining boards for GCSE, desperate to establish its credibility, will ensure that at least the same proportion of candidates are awarded grades A to C, the equivalent of an O-level pass. Ministers, meanwhile, must put on the best face they can.

FIT FOR A QUEEN

It was once fashionable to patronize Britain's first woman Prime Minister by recalling the country's former glories under feminine sway. On different occasions, depending on which of her sceptical ministers was briefing the lobby, Mrs Thatcher was Boadicea, Gloriana or Matilda, as well as being Queen of all values Victorian.

It is doubtful if she has ever felt the need to pay homage to these eponymous forebears. If she did, she would know where to find most of them. Elizabeth I lies safely at Westminster; Victoria at Frogmore; and Matilda at Faversham. But how will the Prime Minister take recent reports that the Queen of the Iceni may be buried under Platform Eight at King's Cross?

With a pinch of salt, one might reply. British Rail, which has invested heavily in hundreds of tonnes of archaeologist-proof concrete for the "site", certainly hopes so. BR's chairman, Sir Robert Reid, must even now be marking the paragraph of Tacitus in which Boudicca (as he calls her) takes poison after her last battle — somewhere in the Midland region.

It would certainly be an undignified resting place for such a heroine. Boudicca gave the Roman Empire a major fright. Her armies (even accounting for exaggeration) slaughtered tens of thousands of Nero's occupation troops. Tacitus gives her rebellion the divine endorsement of a blood-red ocean, a falling statue, unexplained shrieks in the theatre, and various other portents beloved of Roman historians and their readers. Nineteen hundred years on, she deserves better than the clatter of commuting feet.

Boudicca's battlefield oration opens with the nicely prophetic line that it was "customary with Britons to fight under female captaincy". It closes with the words: "To fight or fall, that was the destined purpose of a woman. Let men live and be slaves if they chose." Mrs Thatcher's Churchillian speechwriters have not been pillaging here yet — but give them time.

Platform Eight would be a most unsuitable resting place too. Boudicca (almost as much as the Prime Minister) is noted as a saleswoman for road travel. Her example did much to popularize the chariot. With knives on her hub-caps, she epitomized the free-wheeling individualism of the Celts as they faced the impersonal military machine of Suetonius Paulinus. She would never have approved of the railways — not even if her mausoleum were to be renamed Queen's Cross.

Asylum seekers

From the Director of Amnesty International

Sir, You report (February 15) that Mr Tim Renton, Home Office Minister of State, is hoping to reintroduce an amended version of the system of referring cases of rejected asylum seekers to the UK Immigrants Advisory Service before returning them to countries where they fear persecution.

From the asylum seeker's point of view the amended system is not an improvement on that withdrawn, without consultation, by the present Home Secretary in March, 1987. Moreover, Mr Renton himself concedes two vital points such a system provides only representation, not a review by an appellate authority, and operates entirely at the Home Office's discretion.

Amnesty International believes that a statutory right of appeal, to an independent appellate body is essential if bias and errors of judgement are to be avoided; the refugee agencies have proposed a system of appeal that would be swift, fair and offer protection to those genuinely at risk of human rights abuse in their own countries.

Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems of managing the NHS

From Dr Maureen Dixon and Mr Philip Hunt

Sir, The easiest way out of facing up to the current problems over the health service is to put the blame on managers, administrative staff, or health authority chairmen and members. But it is surprising that a doctor of Ian McColl's eminence should pursue this simple-minded scapegoating of the managers ("Put the doctors in charge", February 16).

We are sure that many of the managers in the health services, among whom a number of doctors do figure by the way, would be only too glad to hand over the incredibly difficult decisions they have to make each day to the doctors. How would these most "intelligent of hospital personnel" cope with an underfunded pay award, runaway expenditure on equipment and drugs, an increasing waiting list and last-minute injections of badly-needed cash from a Government under siege? It is not surprising that many of the doctors who have taken on management jobs are returning to full-time clinical practice.

Unpalatable as they may be to those of Mr McColl's persuasion, the facts are clear. The NHS has the best record of any public service for increased efficiency over the last four years, and it is the managers, not the doctors, who have achieved this.

Since 1981, the NHS has taken on more doctors, nurses and midwives. The number of doctors and dentists employed by the NHS has risen by 5 per cent. Administrative staff have only risen by 2 per cent during the same period.

The NHS is one of the most "undermanaged" health services in the world. We spend less than 4.5 per cent of the total budget on management, compared with 12 per cent in France and 21 per cent in the United States.

There have been real signs recently of doctors and managers working together to improve the quality of the NHS. Mr McColl's "bureaucrat bashing" is not likely to improve the climate of co-operation.

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From Dr P. W. M. Copeman

Sir, The consultation concerning the ailing NHS hospital service conducted in your columns pays scant regard either to its anatomy — staffing structure and management — or its physiology — the way the service functions — but concentrates largely on the fee!

Salaries and wages cost more than buildings and equipment. Each patient is costing more now than in 1948 because more employees, working fewer routine hours, are needed to accomplish the same quantity of work.

The doctor spends less time in outpatients because he is part of a team including nurses and reception, medical records, laboratory pharmacy, portering and ambulance staff. The nursing profession particularly has suffered massive alterations. Office hours for the care of non-emergency patients become eroded further by committee and administrative affairs.

For cure we need an heroic regimen derived from intensive systemic examination by all constituent professions, occupations and administrators in all tiers. Fiddling with pay and sporadic boluses of Government cash are only palliative. The remedy for our debility will be a prescription of revolution in our career organisations and in the way we work.

Yours sincerely,
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From Miss Linda McConnell

Sir, So Dr David Barnes (February 18) considers that "the provision of NHS secretaries for so many employees is unnecessary, however restful". He obviously subscribes to the popular belief that secretaries sit about all day looking decorative.

New entrants to the NHS find the level of responsibility they are expected to bear unacceptable and are soon off to less demanding but better-paid jobs where training and supervision is available. If new technology such as word-processing is available within the NHS the training consists of taking the manual home at night.

A secretary or clerk on the top of the higher clerical grade retiring this year after 40 years in the NHS is paid under £7,000. The HCO grade is the end of the so-called salary structure. For the rest of us the only increases between now and retirement (in my case 22 years) will be through pay awards and tax cuts.

A newly qualified nurse earns more.

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From Professor J. S. P. Lumley

Sir, Max Gammon's letter (February 11) speaks of the benefits of an expanded private medical sector for both patients and well-qualified NHS hospital doctors at present unable to find consultant posts.

I suggest that the beneficial effects could also be shared by retiring NHS consultants whose clinical and teaching skills, built up over a lifetime, are often now wasted.

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Doubts on GCSE

From Mr C. J. M. McGovern

Sir, Mr Peter Dines, chief executive of the Secondary Examinations Council, has recently been quoted (report, February 16) as stating that my concerns over the new GCSE examination are "an aberration" and that the remainder of secondary schools are not expressing similar concerns.

Whilst he is incorrect in this belief, he may be relieved to know that the disciplinary action I am to face for expressing my views (reports, February 13, 22) should ensure that other teachers remain silent.

The threat of dismissal is a wonderfully effective way of concentrating the minds of teachers who do not demonstrate the required servility before the sacred tablets of stone known as GCSE. Should disciplinary action against me succeed, I doubt whether we will hear many more aberrations amongst the teaching profession regarding this new examination.

Yours sincerely,
C. McGOVERN (Head of History,
Priory School, Lewes.),
Windover,
Punnetts Town,
Heathfield,
East Sussex.

Liverpool's record

From Professor C. J. Humphreys

Sir, Under the heading "Grants cut to universities with poor research rating" you record (February 12) the fact that the University of Liverpool has been allocated a grant by the University Grants Committee for 1988-89 which is 2 per cent greater than that for the current financial year and thus represents a cut in real terms. It would, however, be unfortunate if this were to give the impression that Liverpool has a poor research record.

The Science and Engineering Research Council has recently announced that one of the first five interdisciplinary research centres to be established will be at Liverpool. Liverpool was the only university in the country to be shortlisted for as many as four of these centres: in superconductors, semiconductors, surface science and lasers in manufacturing; all of key importance to future industrial wealth.

It may be worth noting that the other successful universities for centres — Cambridge, Glasgow, London and Oxford — are all to receive grant cuts in real terms.

Yours faithfully,

COLIN HUMPHREYS,
The University of Liverpool,
Department of Materials Science and Engineering,
PO Box 147,
Liverpool, Merseyside.
February 15.

Hidden talents

From Mr Anthony Jones

Sir, Sheridan Morley (Diary, February 18) asks, "How many men and women famous for non-painting achievements have left attics full of canvases to amaze posterity?" I recall the first time I met the late Henry Cotton, three times Open golf champion, at his magnificent home at Penina on the Algarve in southern Portugal.

With a colleague I arrived for lunch to find "HC" squatting on an old stool in his garage, varnishing a canvas. Looking around I was startled to see the garage full, floor to roof, with canvases of all sizes.

I later asked if I might buy one of the many paintings — a pleasing representative view of the golf course. Mr Cotton said, shortly, that we would discuss the matter over lunch. We lunched well, but we never did talk about my purchase of the old master's work.

Yours etc,
ANTHONY JONES,
As from 9 Algernon Road,
Lewisham, SE13.
February 19.

Living together

From Lady Gaddum

Sir, Mrs L. M. J. Kemp (February 16) is right in saying that "we urgently need a name for the partners who set up home together without benefit of clergy or registrar."

The Norwegians — always practical — have such a word. It is *sambo*.

This has no racist connotation: *sam* means together — *bo* means live. Unfortunately it is not easily translated into one word.

Yours faithfully,
I. M. GADDUM,
10 Dogget Lane,
Fulbourn, Cambridge.
February 16.

From Mr M. Goldstein

Sir, I have a friend who has solved the problem of what to call the man who is living with her daughter — she calls him her "nothing-in-law".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN,
38 Fortis Green Road,
Muswell Hill, N10.
February 16.

Allied priorities on disarmament

From Viscount Watkinson, CH

Sir, It was always likely that agreement on intermediate nuclear weapons would give rise to a welter of conflicting strategies about future nuclear policy. At the March summit I hope that the West will not allow these to weaken its efforts to secure disarmament under proper safeguards. The Allies should stick to their own priorities.

First, the INF (intermediate-range nuclear forces) treaty must be fully implemented.

Second, impetus for strategic-weapons limitation must be maintained.

Third, and most vital, the West should make it quite plain that it will not consider further measures on nuclear disarmament until there is real progress "on the ground" as a result of the Vienna talks on the imbalance of conventional forces.

During what may well be lengthy negotiations it is only prudent for the West to keep up its nuclear guard. This will mean, as a matter of course, the continuance of the normal process of up-dating current weapons and weapon systems. There is nothing new in this policy, which is the minimum required to maintain credibility; it has always been Nato strategy.

Yet in my view it will be important for the summit to emphasise this fact to offset overmuch stress on "modernisation", which can too easily be misrepresented as some new policy of nuclear rearmament; one that will draw the predictable response from the Russians and increase the difficulties for the West Germans.

There is no need to search for a new policy at the March summit. All that is required is firm continuing support for the classic Nato doctrine, which has preserved peace for over 40 years.

It is the continuance of every effort to negotiate further measures of disarmament whilst maintaining, with firm resolve, a credible nuclear deterrent.

Yours sincerely,
WATKINSON,
Tyma House,
Shore Road,
Bosham,
Chichester,
West Sussex.
February 17.

From Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius

Sir, Some contradictions seem to be appearing in the Government's defence policy. In Brussels (report, February 18) the Prime Minister has been stressing the importance of up-dating both Nato's conventional and nuclear forces. At the same time the Navy's surface fleet is being allowed to wither on the vine. A fleet of "about 50 destroyers and frigates" is now being interpreted as about 47, a number which can only meet our commitments at the expense of Nato.

The rate of ordering new ships is so low that the Fleet is becoming steadily more obsolescent and operational effectiveness is further reduced by the ridiculously low manpower ceiling which has been applied to the Navy.

All this at a time when all are agreed that nuclear reductions increase the importance of Nato maintaining strong conventional forces. I would like to suggest that the Prime Minister's words in Brussels need to be backed by action at home.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JUNGIUS,
Lawithick,
Mylor Churchtown,
Falmouth,
Cornwall.
February 18.

Glassnost?

From Mr Gennady Gerasimov

Sir, In a report on my visit to the Reform Club (February 19) your Correspondent mentioned two pints of the best bitter the club could provide which I used to warm up to his questions. If my memory doesn't fail me I had three pints (if not four). As Oscar Wilde has wisely mentioned, the best way to resist the temptation is to yield to it.

There are other inaccuracies in your reporter's story but this one was too fundamental for me not to mention.

Sincerely,
G. GERASIMOV,
Claridge's,
Brook Street, W1.
February 20.

A bouquet for Bush

From Mr Miles Copeland (sen.)

Sir, General Alexander Haig is reported (February 13) to disapprove of George Bush because he lacks the ability to deal "eyeball-to-eyeball" with the Russians and has been "less than forthright" in discussing his alleged links to General Noriega of Panama. Your readers may be interested in knowing why members of the Washington-based "Association of Retired Intelligence Officers" are unmoved by these accusations and, together with most retired career diplomats, remain solidly behind Mr Bush.

For a variety of reasons not visible to the general public, freedoms we've been taking for granted are now in greater jeopardy than at any previous time in history — not from a major war, either nuclear or conventional, not from "international Communism", but from a complex of problems arising from the world's many small wars, unmanageable regional conflicts, and turbulent social conditions.

Our Government's adventures abroad have been guided by amateurs who have none of the experience or mental equipment even to know what our problems are, much less to understand their complications and subtleties.

We do not claim that George Bush is an authority on present-day international affairs; but we know from experience that, unlike the other candidates, he can be counted upon to take his advice from experienced practitioners.

With a president whose wisdom and discretion we can trust, we could assume that if he is involved in some affair like "Irangate" or meets some rascal like Noriega he will have good reasons, which we outside the inner sanctums of our government cannot be expected to understand. In any case, we'd certainly *hope* that he'd be "less than forthright" in discussing such actions in his campaign appearances.

Sincerely,
MILES COPELAND,
3 The Green,
Aston Rowant, Oxford.
February 15.

Perfect timing

From Mr Ralph Rogers

Sir, Mr Edwards's boiled alarm clock (February 18) has an illustrious forerunner. Captain Joshua Slocum, who in 1895 was the first man to sail round the world single-handed, used as his only timepiece a tin clock bought for a dollar because of its smashed face. By the time he reached Australia it had also lost its minute hand, "but after I boiled her she told the hours".

Yours faithfully,
RALPH ROGERS,
Court Lodge, Horton Kirby,
Dartford, Kent.
February 18.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 23 1893

The Roumania went aground off Peniche, north of Lisbon, with 55 passengers and 67 crew. The final death toll was 113.

[LOSS OF ROUMANIA]

The inquiry into the deplorable wreck of the Anchor Line steamer Roumania, which took place, it will be remembered, off the Portuguese coast on October 28 last, could hardly be expected to lead to any very satisfactory conclusions. . . All the officers of the ship perished with her; the seven Lascar sailors who escaped had returned to India and were not produced in Court, presumably because their evidence would have been of little value. . . The evidence as to the course taken by the Roumania, and the reasons which caused it to be taken, is, as the Court says, "very meagre". It seems, however, to bear out the twofold conclusion to which the judgment comes — namely, that the vessel probably overran her distance, and that she certainly was set out of her course by an unusually strong easterly current.

. . . At the place where she struck the surf begins to break between four and five hundred yards from the shore, and as the wind was strong and the sea heavy on the night of the wreck, the danger was terrible from the moment she went aground. . . There was no panic among the passengers, and it appears to be just possible that some among them might have saved their lives had they known that the ship was hopelessly doomed. They seem, however, to have waited quietly in the saloon until they were drowned out by the heavy seas which broke over and into the vessel. They received no guidance from those in command. . . The last point of importance dealt with in the judgment which deserves comment is the composition of the Roumania's crew. It contained a large number of Lascar sailors, and, although the evidence shows and the Court finds that the proportion was not greater than is common on the fleets of many of the great passenger companies, it appears more than probable that this practice is attended with a certain degree of risk. Lascars are both cheap and docile; and they are very good and efficient fair weather sailors. They are probably viewed, therefore, with a good deal of favour both by owners and officers. But it is generally believed that in emergencies, and particularly in emergencies of a kind which subject them to the influence of cold, wet and fear at once, they lose heart and become incapable of carrying out the orders which are given to them. The descriptions given of the conduct of the Lascar crew of the Roumania after she struck will not tend to dissipate this impression. They are said to have remained huddled up about the ship, and to have made very feeble efforts to lower the boats. The Court "is not, indeed, satisfied that proper discipline was not maintained," but it recommends that in vessels like the Roumania the proportion of European quartermasters should be increased in the future.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
February 22: The Duke of York today visited the Trevor-Roberts Tutorial College, 57 Eton Avenue, London NW3, and was entertained at luncheon by the Headmaster (Mr Christopher Trevor-Roberts.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal left Heathrow Airport, London this evening to visit Uganda, Mozambique and Somalia.

Her Royal Highness was received at the Airport by Mr William Nagaga (Acting High Commissioner, Uganda High Commission), His Excellency Mr Salah Mohamed Ali (Ambassador of the Somali Democratic Republic), Sir Edwin Arrowsmith (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr David Hyde (Deputy Director of Marketing, British Airways) and Mr David Clements (Representative, British Airports Authority).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 22: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher in honour of Mr and Mrs Caspar Weinberger at 10 Downing Street, London SW1.

Sir John Riddell, Bt, was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, attended a luncheon with a small group of the Company's supporters at the Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, London SW1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 22: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Aldo Rossi Exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 and was later entertained to luncheon by His Excellency Signor Boris Biancheri (Italian Ambassador) at 4 Grosvenor Square, London W1.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 22: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the York Festival today named an InterCity 125 power car "York Festival '88" at Kings Cross station, London NW1.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr W.E. Allen, author, 77; the Duke of Beaufort, 60; Lord Ezra, 69; Miss M.L. Farrer, former chairman, Central Midwives Board, 74; Lord Forteviot, 82; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 47; Mr Leslie Halliwell, author and film consultant to Channel Four Television, 59; Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves, former Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, 85; Miss Kathleen Harrison, actress, 90; Sir William McMahon, CH, former Prime Minister of Australia, 80; Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 41; Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Walker, 77; Dom Aelred Watkin, former headmaster, Downside School, 70.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.
The Prince of Wales will visit Aston Martin Lagonda, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the European Year of the Environment, will present the Better Environment Awards for Industry for 1987 at the Royal Society of Arts at 3.30.
The Duke of Gloucester will open an exhibition of photographs by Yousuf Karsh at the Barbican Centre at 6.00.
Prince Michael of Kent will attend the annual convention of the Institute of Directors at the Albert Hall at 10.00.

Benenden School

Benenden School Scholarship awards for September, 1988:
Founders' Scholarship: Joanna Johnston, More House School.
Trust Scholarships: Ailana Kamelmacher, Bramley School; Caroline Bland, Dulwich College Preparatory School.
Minor Scholarships: Leanna Erete, Wellesley House; Louise Faulkner, Benenden School; Alexia Taylor, Packwood Haugh.
Music Scholarships: Karen-Sacha Moore, Nower Lodge School; Caroline de Mowbray, Benenden School.
Art Scholarship: Su-Lin Yong, Benenden School.
Sixth Form Trust Scholarships: Corinne Koo, Benenden School; Valerie Tan, Benenden School.

Luncheon

HM Government
Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of a Spanish parliamentary delegation.

Appointments

Mr Russell Hillhouse, at present Secretary of the Scottish Education Department, to be Permanent Under Secretary of State in the Scottish Office in succession to Sir William Fraser

Mr Peter Kemp to be Second Permanent Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Civil Service

Mr Hayden Phillips to be Deputy Secretary, Public Services, HM Treasury, in succession to Mr Kemp.

Mr Brian Gilmore to be Deputy Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Civil Service, in the appointment of Director of Management Development, in succession to Mr Phillips.

A Spring boost for RHS show

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

Spring has arrived a month early, resulting in some last minute planning of the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show, which opens today at Westminster.

This is a far larger show than one normally expects at this time of year as there are so many plants which are at their peak for showing, such as coloured primroses from M & R Plants of Hornchurch, Essex and Roughan Hall Nurseries of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Snowdrops are virtually over in many gardens but exhibitors of these, like Foxgrove Plants of Newbury, Berkshire, who boast 60-70 varieties, have managed to hold them back in cool conditions for this show.

James Trehane & Son of Wimborne, Dorset have entered their fine range of camellias – a month earlier than normal.

One well-known exhibitor who has not been seen at the February show before is dahlia specialist Aylett Nurseries of St Albans, Hertfordshire. The company is branching out into house plants and has staged a magnificent display of giant specimens.

Many alpines and spring bulbs are at their peak and somehow the RHS have managed to fit in many more displays than normal.

A show report and results will be published tomorrow.

Bridge

The English Bridge Union's classic double elimination knock-out teams championship sponsored by the La Manga Club, took place at the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotel, Leeds, and at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne.

In the north, J M Armstrong, G T Kirby, Mrs S Horton, S J Lodge, R S Brock and A Robson, who beat R W Sharpe in the quarter-finals, remain the only unbeaten team and receive a bye into the final where they will meet the winners of the match between M S Perkins, J A Hudson, A McNair, T Rees and P J Hawkes and S Wood, R Winter, M Horton, R Pike and I Reissman.

In the south H Cohen, B L Teltscher, I P Gordon, B Schapiro and M Wlodarcyzk are the unbeaten team and received a bye into the semi-final where they will play C J Elliott, Mrs Landy, P W Poulter and T E D Quibell. In the other semi-final D J Smerdon, A J Waterlow, J Sadler, J Albuquerque, T Ward and P J Bailey will play Doctor A P Sowter, R Smolski, Mr & Mrs H Bethe and Mrs S Picus.

Secondary Events
Hamilton Cup
1. C P Morris; M Hoskins; W J Durden; J A Scase; 2. S P and G A Tredinnick; N Rosen; P Taylor; S B Callaghan; R A Cliffe; D Parry; 3. Preston; Miss Davies; Mrs N Smith.
Punch Bowl
1. D G W Price; C Duckworth; D A L Burn; U M Durmus; R J A Bulland; I. Reardon; 2. T D Dickson; M C Hancock; Mr & Mrs Oram; 3. 1 C Street; Mrs E Phillips; Mr & Mrs P N Lee.

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The ones that got away go in the record books

By Gregory Weingarten

The national record-keeping body for British anglers has loosened its official rules after more than thirty years of insisting on strict guidelines.

The British Record Fish Committee (BRFC), formed in 1956, is to accept photographs and witness's testimony from anglers submitting record catches for consideration. Previously, the record committee insisted that the fish must be weighed in the presence of a BRFC representative.

Some anglers are accusing committee members of giving in to pressure that arose eight years when a breakaway record committe formed a new record list which accepted photographic and witness's evidence.

Britain's anglers are still left with two competing record books, but the BRFC's new rules give some hope that the two organizations could now combine their lists. At present a quarter of the records held on the two sets of books differ.

Mr Roy Westwood, editor of *Angler's Mail*, said: "It is totally absurd to run two lists. It is like having two sets of record lists for the Olympics.

"The BRFC has taken a lot of flak over the years for rigorously sticking to its strict rulebook. The only fish accepted were those that had complied with the identification and weighing procedures. Some notable fish went unrecognized but that was the price of a scrupulously fair and reasonably watertight system. Now, they've thrown the rule book out the window, and we are on a slippery slope into yet more chaos in record-keeping."

He believes the relaxing of the rules was a politically-motivated move to retain the anglers who were fleeing to the other record camp.

The dispute began in 1980 when Mr Chris Yates caught a 51 1/2 pound carp – the biggest ever recorded in the world – in a remote mountain lake in Wales. Not wanting to kill the fish, he sent BRFC the photographs and the testimony of five witnesses, but the committee, holding to its guidelines, refused to recognize his catch.

The National Association of Specialist Anglers (NASA) then formed their own breakaway record body for coarse fish to recognize the 51-pound carp as the true record. Soon after, the Guinness Book of Records recognized Mr Yates's catch and so did the angling world. To this day, however, Britain's "official" record-keeping body does not accept it.

Mr Peter Tombleson, secretary of the BRFC, said amending the organization's rules was merely a reflection of the increased conservationist sentiment among British anglers. "Anglers want to put fish back in the water alive whenever possible. Our old rules meant that fish died because they were kept out of the water."

Asked whether the BRFC would accept Chris Yates's catch which meets the new rules, Mr Tombleson said: "The rule change doesn't work retrospectively, but we might reconsider if he approached us again with another application."

Mr Yates, however, remains uninterested in resubmitting his catch for review. "If they didn't accept it the first time around, why should I bother again."



Helen Stuckey, with her mother Lesley and the doll she received yesterday as a special present from the police. Helen was in the bath at home in Newton Abbot, Devon, when she heard a cry as her mother fell down the stairs. Helen jumped out and found her mother suffering from head and arm injuries. Mrs Stuckey asked Helen to call for help and then passed out. Helen, who is aged only four, dialled 999, said: "Mummy's ill, she's fallen" and gave her correct address. Yesterday, as a reward for her smart work, Helen was given a doll specially made by women who work at Newton Abbot police station.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prince of Wales was present at a dinner given by the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr and Mrs Caspar Weinberger. The other guests included:

Mr William P Clark, the American Ambassador and Mrs Price, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, the Hon George Younger, MP, and Mrs Younger, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, and Mrs Parkinson, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Lord Home of the Hirsel, the Duke of Westminster, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Viscountess De L'Isle, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Lady Soames, Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Pym, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Bramall, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Sir William and Lady Heseltine, Sir John Riddell, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry and Lady Leach, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir Oliver and Lady Wright, Admiral Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, Major-General Sir Jeremy and Lady Moore, Mr Charles Sweeny, Dr A L Rowse, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Mates, MP, and Mrs Mates, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Professor and Mrs Laurence Martin, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Sir Clive and Lady Whitmore, Admiral Sir John and Lady Woodward and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Arbitrators' Company
The Lord Mayor was represented by Alderman Lady Donaldson of Lymington, who was accompanied by Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and the Sheriffs and their ladies, at a livery ladies' dinner given by the Arbitrators' Company at the Mansion House last night. Mr Deputy Alfred B. Shindler, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Gordon Hickmott, Senior Warden, and Colonel W.E.I. Armstrong, Junior Warden. The guests included:

The Yugoslav Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador, the Chinese Ambassador, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Sieyn.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum Hotel in honour of a Spanish parliamentary delegation, led by Senor D. Joan Reventos I. Carner.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys, London, 1633; George Frederick Handel, Hallé, Germany, 1685; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, banker, founder of the house of that name, Frankfurt, 1743; DEATHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st president of the Royal Academy 1768-92, London, 1792; John Keats, Rome, 1821; John Quincy Adams, 6th president of the USA, 1825-29, Washington, 1848; William Butterfield, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1900; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1919, Washington, 1924; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano, Sydney, New South Wales, 1931; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Worcester, 1934; Leo Baekeland, inventor of Bakelite, Beacon, New York, 1944; Paul Claudel, poet, Paris, 1955; Stan Laurel, film comedian, Santa Monica, California, 1965; L S Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derby, 1976.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Acworth and Miss C.H. Courtenay
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Major and Mrs H.J. Acworth, of Chester, Cheshire, and Caroline, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P.H. Courtenay, of Quarley, Hampshire.

Mr P.F. Brice and Miss D.M.H. Cook
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Brice, of Lane End, Buckinghamshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Cook, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. Douglas and Miss J.J. Sampson
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jock Douglas, of Cullompton, Devon, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Sampson, of Chart Sutton, Kent.

Mr S.W.H. Hosken and Miss A. Baigent
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs H.D.H. Hosken, of Mill Farm, Blackland, near Calne, Wiltshire, and Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Baigent, of Ardenlee, Bath.

Mr S.J. Hulme and Miss S.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Hulme, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.C. Williams, both of Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands.

Mr J.N. Lawrence-Jones and Miss O. Charlton
The engagement is announced between John Nimrod, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Lawrence-Jones, of Retiendon Old Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, and Olga, only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Charlton and Mrs Charlton, of Winchester.

Mr S.A. McCarter and Miss E.V. Kelly
The engagement is announced from Paris, between Simon Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I. McCarter, of Maldon, Essex, and Elaine Valerie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Kelly, of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Mr J. Mamula and Miss D.F. Aubree
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Mamula, of Winter Park, Florida, United States, and Dominique, daughter of Mr Bevan Hewett, of Holland Park, London, W11, and Mrs Philippa Aubree, of Frome, Somerset.

Mr C.B. Megone and Miss D.J. Barker
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.B. Megone, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H.E. Barker, of Woolton, Liverpool.

Mr M.E.J. Partridge and Miss F.M. Wood
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr E.B. Partridge and of Mrs E.J. Partridge, of Cobham, Surrey, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Wood, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr I.H. Sedgwick and Miss E.C. Heathcote
The engagement is announced between Ivan Harry, son of Mr and Mrs Jim Sedgwick, of St Michael's Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, and Elizabeth Catherine, daughter of Captain and Mrs Ralph Heathcote, of The Snab, Gressingham, Lancaster.

Dr R. Winter and Miss L. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs T.J. Winter, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Lindsay, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E.B. Stewart, of Sunlawshill, Kelso.

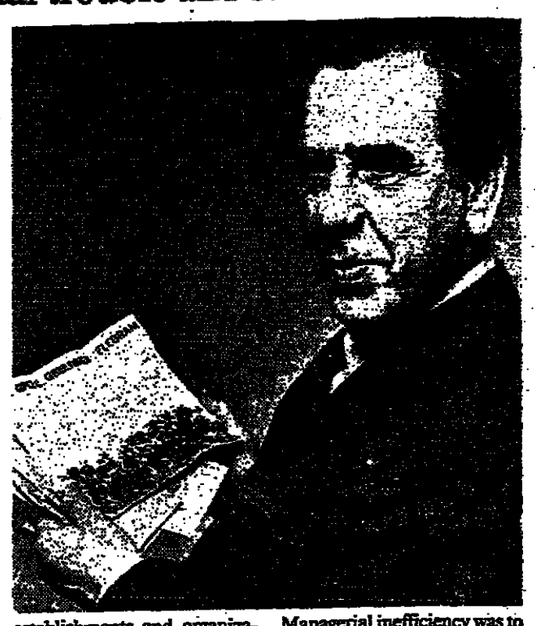
Marriage

Mr A. Lawrie and Miss S. Levine
The marriage took place on February 6, in London, of Mr Alex Lawrie, son of Mr and Mrs Rex Lawrie, of Eynsford, and Miss Sara Levine, daughter of the late Edward Levine, of Cromer, and the late Philomena Levine, of Brighton.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM RYLAND

Postal trouble and strife



Sir William Ryland, CB, Chairman of the Post Office Corporation from 1971 to 1977, died on February 20, at the age of 74.

It was a troubled decade for the Post Office, but Ryland steered his ship with considerable skill despite his being hamstrung by government interference, a five-week strike in 1971, and, of course, the rising price of a stamp. Laurels seldom came his way, least of all from a public quick to criticize the service whether it made a profit or a loss.

A legacy from the Ryland era – and a thorn in the public's side ever since – was, the ending of Sunday collections in 1976; late restricted collections in London and the provinces; and the extension of Saturday half-day closing to all post offices – all in the name of economy.

But Ryland was a determined character, and his vision of separating the Post Office from its telecommunications arm came to fruition at the hands of his successor, Bill (now, Sir William) Barlow.

Albert William Cecil Ryland – he came later to be affectionately known as "Telephone Bill" – was born near Tunbridge Wells on November 10, 1913. It might be said that he had communication in the blood: his father was a telephone manager. He went to Gosforth County Grammar School, and in 1932 joined the GPO as an apprentice engineer. By 1938 he was an assistant surveyor.

In the following year his particular skills came into their own in the Royal Engineers' postal section. He spent the war with the Middle East and Central Mediterranean forces, ending with the rank of colonel.

In 1947 he re-joined the GPO, going to the Midlands as an assistant postal controller, and two years later was appointed principal of the postal services department. By now he was travelling overseas to attend meetings of the Universal Postal Union, and spent a year in public relations.

During the mid-1950s he was Principal Private Secretary to two Postmasters-General: Earl de la Warr and Dr Charles Hill (now, Lord Hill of Luton).

En route to the chairman's post he was director of establishments and organization (1958); director of inland telecommunications (1961-5); and managing director of telecommunications (1967-9), in which post he did much early work in modernization.

In 1969, when managing director, Ryland oversaw the Post Office becoming a public corporation. In the summer of that year he also got an early taste of the disapproval of the Union of Post Office Workers, over his handling of their pay claim. As he rose to address the union's Blackpool conference, he was greeted with a walkout by several dozen delegates while the remainder heard his speech in stony silence.

In 1970, he became acting Post Office chairman following the dismissal by the government of Lord Hall. In the spring of the following year business ground to a halt with a 47-day postal strike – at that time the longest national stoppage in Britain since the war.

Unfairly, perhaps, it was the chairman's face which the stamp-licking public associated with rising postal charges. Ryland's tenure was notable also for a continuous process of "streamlining" the service, but the desired result – then, as now – of greater efficiency was not always the case. The Christmas of 1972 was a disaster, with an estimated 35 million cards not being delivered on time. Managerial inefficiency was to blame, and Ryland duly apologised.

The chairman was due to go in 1974, but was asked to continue for a further four-year term. A successor, it seemed, was proving hard to find.

Looking to the future, Ryland threw his support behind the separation of the mail and telecommunications sides of the business, but he did not remain in office long enough to see this come to pass.

He retired in 1977, and spent the next year advising the Republic of Ireland on postal matters.

Bill Ryland was probably the last of the great GPO men, coming from the bottom to the top of the business and having a hand in virtually every aspect of its workings along the way. He was a physically big man, but soft-spoken for all that. He had an excellent memory, and was firm in his business dealings, especially when it came to the unions.

His sporting affections lay with Surrey County Cricket Club, and in retirement he was often to be found at the Oval. In more testing times at work he always kept one eye on the latest Test score.

His wife, Sybil, whom he married in 1946, survives him, with their son and daughter.

ANNELIES KUPPER

Annelies Kupper, the German singer who created the title role in Richard Strauss's opera *Die Liebe der Danae* at the Salzburg Festival in 1952, has died in Munich. She was 81.

Frau Kupper was noted for her magnificent rendering of the leading soprano roles in Mozart and Verdi operas, and for her ability to jump into an unfamiliar part at a moment's notice.

In 1946, her last year at the Hamburg State Opera, she was coaxed by Howard Hartog, later her agent, but at the time Musical Controller of the Norddeutscher Rundfunk in Hamburg, into taking part in a live broadcast of *Tosca*, the first of several presented jointly by the BBC and the NDR.

She learned the title role – which she had never sung before – in just over a day, and gave a splendidly tear-jerking performance of Puccini's heroine.

Born at Glatz, Silesia, on July 21, 1906, she studied music theory with a view to taking up teaching. In 1935, however, she switched to the music stage, and made her début as The Second Boy in *The Magic Flute*, at Breslau. In 1940 she was invited by Eugen Jochum to join the Hamburg State Opera, and there she remained until after the war.

In 1946, she joined the Bavarian State Opera, in Munich, and visited Covent Garden with the company in 1953, to sing the part of Danae, previously created in Salzburg. Earlier in the same year, she had made her début at Covent Garden, singing Chrysothemis in Strauss's *Elektra*.

In 1944, she was at Bayreuth as Eva in *The Mastersingers*, returning, in 1960, as Elsa in *Tannhauser*, before retiring to devote herself to teaching.

She is remembered by many opera-goers as the finest Countess of her generation in *The Marriage of Figaro*.

IVAN PERIES

Ivan Peries, who died on February 13, at the age of 66, was one of Sri Lanka's leading painters and a founder member of the 43 Group which included, among others, George Keyt. It was the most vital force in post-war Sri Lankan painting.

Peries was born in 1921, at Dehiwela, and was educated at St Peter's College, Colombo. Though he did not continue his studies beyond the Intermediate in Arts, he was extremely well-read, and kept himself well-informed about contemporary trends in all artistic spheres.

He came to London in 1946 on a Government scholarship to study at the Anglo French Arts Centre, returning to Sri Lanka in 1949. He came back to this country in 1953, and had lived here ever since.

His paintings evoke the coastal villages and landscape of Sri Lanka with a visionary clarity. They possess a haunting poignancy but also great structural precision and, above all, an intense but refined luminosity.

Ivan Peries exhibited frequently in England and Europe – most notably at the Imperial Institute, London, in 1952; at the Petit Palais, Paris, in 1953; and at the Venice Biennale, in 1956 and 1958.

He also had a large retrospective exhibition at St Catherine's College, Oxford, in 1965 and, more recently, in 1981, showed at the Galerie Abras Mont des Arts, Brussels.

His work is included in many permanent collections including the Petit Palais, Paris; the Lionel Wendt Collection, Sri Lanka; Pembroke College, Oxford; and the Imperial War Museum, London. Recently, several works were purchased for its Indian Collection by the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Peries suffered from ill-health all his life which he triumphed over both in his work and in his good humour and his generosity to others.

He leaves his widow, Veronica, three sons and a daughter.

CDR RICHARD JESSEL

A. H. writes:
In your admirable obituary of Commander "Dick" Jessel (February 16), there was one small inaccuracy which may be worth correcting.

It was not the King's motor-boat that lacerated his legs when he was bathing on the *Nahlin* cruise, but his own ship's (*Glowworm's*) fast motor dinghy. I was Sub-Lieutenant of *Grafton*, both destroyers being with *Nahlin* at Port Itea (Gulf of Corinth) on August 24, 1936. My diary records the accident.

After watching a water polo match from *Glowworm*, the Royal party stayed for drinks, and after dark Jessel and his First Lieutenant, Foy, went water ski-ing.

The dinghy towing Foy cast off the tow so that he cruised to the after gangway; but at speed, with the bow in the air, it was impossible to see a short way ahead from the driving seat of these dinghies.

Jessel, swimming off the forward gangway, dived too late, suffering shock, loss of blood and compound fractures of both legs.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Keating patched up his Captain on a mess table on the upper deck, there and then. *Glowworm*, under the command of Foy, sailed for Patras within the hour, returning at 0845 next morning saying that Jessel was as comfortable as possible in hospital, asking for beer.

Mr Ralph Turton, DL, a former High Sheriff of Durham, has died at the age of 79.

He was for a time leader of the independent opposition in the Labour-dominated Durham County Council.

MR FRANK NIXON

Mr Frank Nixon, CBE, a former consulting engineer (quality) in the aero division at Rolls-Royce, and vice-president and founder of chairman of the National Council for Quality and Rehabilitation, died on February 18, at the age of 82.

Nixon, who was born on June 17, 1905, entered the Royal Aircraft Establishment, at Farnborough, in 1926, after graduating from Manchester University in mechanical engineering.

Two years later he moved to the Bristol Aero Engine Co, where he remained until 1942, when he joined Rolls-Royce, in Derby.

Nixon was a man of sound common sense who cared greatly about quality and reliability. This was recognised by the Americans who, in 1966, chose him for the inter-professional co-operation award of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers' Exhibition.

Later that year, when addressing the American Society of Quality Control, in New York, he pointed out that simple accessories were still providing the main source of unreliability in aircraft, "caused by daft mistakes [and] silly little oversights".

Nixon's "eye for quality" also extended to the continent where he was president of the European Organization for Quality Control. He retired from Rolls-Royce in 1971.

He published, in 1969, *Industrial History of Derbyshire*, and, two years later, *Managing to Achieve Quality and Reliability in Engineering*, a subject dear to his heart.

William Barton, a stoker on the *Terra Nova*, which took Scott on his ill-fated Antarctic expedition in 1910, has died in Christchurch, New Zealand, aged 99. He was thought to have been the last surviving crew member.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

BIRTHS

BASS - On February 21st, at Sandleford Hospital, Newbury, to Rosemary and Howard, a son, Thomas Philip, a brother for Helen and Sarah.

COLE - On February 13th, to Debbie (née Dunnett) and Andy, a daughter, Laura Louise.

FRANCIS - On February 19th, to Philippa (née Bate) and Julian, a daughter, Celia Alice Stuart.

HAFFENDEN - On February 18th, at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Bridget (née Wood) and Mark, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Rebecca.

HARRIS - On February 1st 1988, at the Ronkswood Maternity Hospital, Worcester, to Mary (née Tarmey) and Harry, a son, Hendrik Ashley.

HERGUETA - On February 6th, in Malta, to Phillida (née Cholmeley) and Javier, a daughter.

HUDSON - On February 13th, to Gaye (née Emery) and Jonathan, a daughter, Holly Elizabeth.

KAYE - On February 19th to Pippy (née Checketts) and Mark, a daughter, Hannah Christina.

MACKAY - On February 10th, in Berlin, to Caroline (née Middlemiss) and Andrew, a daughter Olivia Rosalind Jacqueline.

McCORMICK-SILEX - On February 16th, to Christine and Christoph, in Cologne, a daughter Anna Jean Marie.

MOOR - on February 1st 1988 to Jane (Née Scragg) and Robert, a son William Richard John, a brother for Hannah

PARKER - On February 20th, in Epsom, to Mandy and Ian, a son.

PATTERSON - On February 16th, to Stephanie (née Wyke Smith) and Stewart, a daughter, Chloe Lucinda.

PORTER - On February 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Miller) and Martin, a son, Robert Henry Hampson, a brother for Emma.

PORCHER - On February 19th, to Mary (née Loughlin) and Nick a daughter, Catherine Rebecca.

SCHADE - On February 19th 1988, at the North York Hospital, Toronto, to Helen (née Goodman) and Charles, a daughter, Tanya Eva Louise.

TASKER - On February 15th, to Jane and Tim, a son, Nicholas John, a brother for Peter.

WATSON - On February 21st, at St Luke's Hospital, Guilford, to Charlotte (née Hay) and Alastair, a son, Ruari James, a brother for Andrew.

MARRIAGES

DART:GRINDROD - On February 20th, at Chelsea Old Church, Jonathan Embling Dart to Susan Lorraine Grindrod.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMAD - On February 21st, peacefully at home in London, Suheil Elias aged 63 years. Darling husband of Irene and loved father of Ilham, Ramzi and Sami. Funeral service at Antochian Greek Orthodox Church, 5 Craven Hill, London W2, at 1.00pm on Wednesday February 24th, followed by private burial. Please no flowers, donations to your favourite charity. Cable inquires to 3 Avenue Close, Avenue Road, London NW8 6BX.

ATSMA - On February 19th, 1988, Klass. Funeral service at St. Nicholas, Tillingham, Essex at 10.30am on February 26th 1988. Followed by cremation at Southend Crematorium at 11.45am. Donations to British Heart Foundation in lieu of flowers appreciated. Enquiries c/o 01 253 6779.

BALCON - On February 22nd 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Aileen Freda M.B.E. Widow of Sir Michael and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation private, no flowers. Donations to The British Red Cross Society, Grosvenor Crescent, or The Alzheimers Disease Society, Fulham Broadway, SW6.

BARRIE - On February 18th 1988, peacefully in hospital, May Edith (née Shellard) aged 78 years. Dearly loved mother of Ian and Bill and sister of Lucie; ex Principal of the Langham Secretarial College, London. Service at Enfield Crematorium on Monday, February 29th at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations to British Heart Foundation to Blake and Horlock, 27 Silver Street, Enfield, Middlesex.

BENJAMIN - On February 21st, peacefully after a short illness, Hannah, widow of Sidney Myers and Sam Benjamin, in her 88th year. Beloved mother of Gordon and Trevor. She will be sadly missed by her daughter-in-law, Leonora, stepson David, grandchildren, Caron, Sidney, Geoffrey, Lyn, Terry and her many great grandchildren, relatives and friends. Funeral today at Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane at 1 pm.

BERTHOUD - On February 22nd, peacefully in Hospital, Ruth Tilston (Née Bright), aged 87 years of Brownings Manor, Blackboys, Sussex. Dearly beloved wife of Sir Eric Berthoud and much loved mother of Elizabeth Penney, Martin, Roger and Belinda Coote, and Grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Funeral service at St Giles Church, Great Hallingbury, Essex, on Friday February 26th at 2.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd. Tel: 0279 656777.

CHENEY - On February 20th 1988, suddenly in Kathmandu, Michael John, aged 59, ex 10th Gurkha Rifles, of Kathmandu and Deckford, Gloucestershire. Much loved brother, uncle, great uncle and friend of Nepal. Rest in Peace. Burial in Kathmandu. Memorial service in U.K. to be announced later. Donations, if wished, to the Gurkha Welfare Trust, Old Admiralty Building, M.O.D., London.

CHERRINGTON - On February 19th, John Osborne O.B.E., peacefully after an illness borne with great courage. Funeral private but donations, if desired, to The League of Friends, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Andover, Hampshire.

CHILD - On Sunday February 21st 1988, peacefully at home in Cardiff, Rosalie (née Barton) wife of the late Richard Stewart Child, of Devizes. Our beloved Mamma.

COPELAND - On February 19th 1988, suddenly, Colonel Francis Thomas Copeland O.B.E., aged 79 years, darling husband of Ursula, adored father of Veronica, Priscilla, Susan and Sarah, and devoted grandfather to his twelve grandchildren. A totally unselfish man, loved by all who knew him. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Catholic Church, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells on Friday February 26th at 10.30 am, followed by interment at Tunbridge Wells Cemetery. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to E R Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells (Tel 0892 22462).

DECKKER - On February 18th 1988, suddenly in Cambridge, Professor Emil Eardley Leon Deckker. Funeral service at St Botolph's Church, Trumpington Street, Cambridge on Friday February 26th at 10.45 am.

DICKSON - On Thursday February 18th, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Hamilton, aged 97, late of Maryfield, Newcastle, County Down. Beloved Aunt and widow of the late William Tillie Dickson of Dungannon.

DODDS - On February 18th 1988, at home, after months of outstanding courage, of cancer, John, aged 53, adored and loving husband of Ede and much loved father of Klaus and Piers. Sincere thanks to our dear friends and the Oncology team at London hospital for their help and support.

FAIRCLOUGH - On February 19th 1988, peacefully and painlessly at home, after a magnificent and valient retreat from cancer, fought with uncomplaining courage, John Denys, aged 62 years. Deeply and eternally loved and loving son of Ursula, brother of Alistair, husband to Paula, father of Sophie, Lucy and Puff, grandfather of Charlotte Rose. Funeral service at St. Gregory's Church, Marnhull, on Saturday February 27th at 12 noon. Flowers to Bracher Brothers, F/D, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel: 0747624494.

FITZGERALD - On February 19th, suddenly, after a long illness, bravely fought Desmond G. (Fitz), dearly loved and loving husband of Eileen, and wonderful father of Anne and Hugh. Funeral service on Thursday 25th February at 3.00pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Epsom, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to League of Friends of Epsom District Hospital, 5 Cherry Orchard, Ashtead, KT21 1HS.

FLEMING - On February 21st 1988, suddenly at home, at 28 Craigmillar Avenue, Milngavie. Michael, beloved husband of Betty, dear father of Morag and the late Scott Fleming and loving grandfather of Angus. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Thursday, 25th February at 1.30 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

GRATTAN WILKINSON - On February 19th, Matri Gratian Wilkinson, peacefully at home, in Dublin, aged 83. Funeral enquiries to Rivetts Limited, Telephone Number 0602 3532.

HARRIS - On February 20th 1988, Elaine (née Bowen), beloved wife of the late Ian Shankland and the late Conrad Harris, a very dearly loved mother, stepmother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Christ Church, Winchester, on Thursday February 25th, at 11.15am. Family flowers only please. All enquiries to Jno Steel and Son, Telephone Winchester (0962) 63195.

HENCKE - On February 19th, after a short illness, Florence Rose, widow of Maurice in her 88th year.

HENSHAW - On February 20th, peacefully, Nora Mawdsley (née Bramley) beloved mother of Suzanne and adored grandmother of Nicola. Cremation private, donations in lieu of flowers to Macmillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

HUDSON - On February 19th 1988, suddenly, but peacefully at Dolphins, Lovelady Cutherine, beloved wife of Philip (deceased). Funeral at St. Margaret's, Angmering, Friday 26th February at 2.30pm. Family flowers to Dillistone, 191 South Farm Road, Worthing BN11 4HS.

LEVENTE - On February 20th, at Chesterton Hospital, Cambridge, Wing Commander Richard Leventé O.B.E., much loved husband of Madge and father of Paul. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to Parkinson's or Alzheimer's Societies.

MACKENZIE - On February 19th 1988, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Eileen Katharine Alice Ph.D. Formerly Vice-Principal of Westfield College, London University. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Friday, February 26th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o. F.A.Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

MACPHERSON - On February 21st, peacefully at home, Colin, beloved husband of Judith, father of Caroline, Andrew and Francis, father-in-law of Amelia, grandfather of Matilda and stepfather of Catherine, Victoria, Louise and Joey. Funeral service for family and friends, at St Mary And All Saints, Droxford, on Monday February 29th, at 3pm. Memorial service at All Souls, Langham Place, on Tuesday March 29th, at 12.30pm. Donations if desired for the Guide Dogs For The Blind Appeal, may be sent c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester. Tel (0962) 63195.

MOORE - On February 19th, peacefully at Hereford General Hospital, Eleanor (Nellie) of Dales Court, Dales near Hereford, aged 90 years. Widow of Chief Supt. Lewis Moore of Monmouthshire Constabulary, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service will be held at Evesyes Harold Baptist Chapel on Thursday February 25th at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Hereford. Floral tributes please to Dawe Bros, Westfaling Street, Hereford.

NEWMAN - On February 19th, peacefully in Budleigh Salterton Hospital, Eric Howard Newman, aged 82. Enquiries to Messrs. J W Palmer, Funeral Directors, Budleigh Salterton. Tel (03954) 2252.

NUNHOFER - On February 20th, passed away at home, Dr Karl Nunhofer.

OSELVIE - On February 19th, peacefully at home in Castle Cary, Barbara May, much loved wife of Norman, mother of Jean, Elizabeth and Malcolm and grandmother. Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday, February 25th at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request.

PHILLIPS, On February 20th, Kate peacefully in hospital after much fortitude. Loved by her family and many friends. Committal at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, London N2 Friday, 26th February at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired to Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead London NW3.

RENDALL - On February 20th 1988, after a short illness in hospital in Llandudno, David Mensel, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Mary, father-in-law to Sylvia, father to Ivan, Margaret and William and grandfather to Polly, Tabitha, David, Charles, Katie, Ceri, Carrick, Simon, Florence and Erica. Funeral at Mochdre Crematorium, Friday February 26th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations to Riding for the Disabled.

ROSS - On February 22nd 1988 at Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, Catherine Elizabeth Curtis, dearly beloved wife of James A. Ross M.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed. and adored mother of Elizabeth, David, Mary and Jane, a dear grandmother and great grandmother. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday 25th February at 11.45 am. Family flowers only please.

RYLAND - On February 20th, peacefully at home, after a long illness borne with great courage, Sir William Ryland, C.B. Dearly loved husband of Sybil, most loving father of Gillian and David, father-in-law of Joe and Anne, and grandpa of David, John and Andrew. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund.

SHANKLAND - see Harris.

STONE - On February 19th 1988, Lt Colonel Cecil John Stone. Beloved Father of Veronica, Coke-Wyse and Christopher. Grandfather of Piers. Service of Thanksgiving for his life at St Peters, Evercreech, Somerset on Saturday February 27th at 12.00 noon.

TEMPLE - On February 20th 1988, peacefully in her sleep at The Brook Hospital, Lilian Evelyn Temple, in her 74th year. Deeply loved. Sadly missed.

TOMS - On February 20th, peacefully at Torbay Hospital, after a short illness, Winifred Dora Toms M.B.E., aged 95 years. Dear sister of Mrs Ada Couch and beloved friend of so many. Funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Torquay, on Thursday February 25th, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations for Friends of Primley House may be sent to, Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

VALENTINE - On February 20th 1988, peacefully at Alyth, Emily Mary Henderson of Dykeside, St. Vigeans, Arbroath, beloved wife of the late William Harris Valentine, Merchant, Dundee, and sister of the late Marjory Henderson and Sandy Henderson. Funeral service at Auchterhouse Parish Church on Wednesday February 24th at 2.00pm. And thereafter at Dundee Crematorium at 3.00pm to which all friends are invited.

WEAL - On February 18th 1988, aged 74, at Frimley Park Hospital after a short illness, Ernest William Weal. Cremation 2.30 Friday February 26th, at Aldershot Crematorium. Enquiries, Port Sea Island Mutual Funeral Service, Farnborough 542235

WHITE - On February 10th 1988, following a short illness, P. Owen. Service at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road on Wednesday 24th February, 1988. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SCOTT - A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Bernard Scott, who died on Christmas Day, will be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday March 22nd, at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HENSEY - Peter Joseph, born 23rd September 1940, died tragically in Canterbury, 23rd February 1984. Missed and remembered with love every day. Mary.

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SPRING WEDDINGS

The year of the rose

Full-blown roses are the indispensable fashion accessory for this spring's romantic bridal gowns, says Ann Chubb

A spring where fashion is celebrating the year of the rose and a return to soft and romantic looks could not be a better one for brides.

This spring's weddings are set to blossom forth in a riot of pretty blooms decorating slimmer, more body-conscious shapes, set off by soft fichu necklines and huge overblown skirts. Fabrics drift romantically in frothy layers, colours are petal pale.

The recent Paris couture collections set the mood perfectly with flowers galore. Ungaro's bride wore pink and red roses, punctuating a meringue-like dress of white organza. Mark Bohan at Dior delicately embroidered white chiffon with the house's famous lily of the valley emble, while Christian Lacroix chose fragrant yellow mimosa as this spring's signature flower.

In London, the mood is softer and more romantic but still blossoming with flowers. Linda Cierach, designer of the Duchess of York's stunning wedding dress, uses roses of fabric and lace to decorate this season's slimmer line dresses.

Designer Andrea Wilkin decorates her "Gone with the Wind"-style wedding dresses with flowers made from the same fabric — a frothy, off-the-shoulder dress in palest rose pink silk, with a crinoline skirt caught up with huge full-blown roses; another, in ivory, has a garland of pink and white convolvulus climbing up the back and encircling the square neckline.

Yet another has swags of fabric entwined with lily of the valley. And the newest colours are the pale, blush shades of old-fashioned roses.

Palest blush pink is the first favourite with this year's brides, while Gina Fratini also uses a delicate shade of colour under a full tulle skirt for just the subtlest tint that often picks up the colour of a trim — palest lilac, perhaps, beneath a white tulle skirt, picked out with tiny lilac taffeta bows.

Even if the skirt itself is wide and frothy, the bodice is slimmer and more body conscious. David and Elizabeth Emanuel report a big demand for their new slimmer Empire line dresses with little puffed sleeves and bows on the shoulders; also for short wedding dresses and wedding suits of ribbed ottoman with peplum jackets.

Newest fabrics fall into two categories. "Basically it's lace and taffeta for the romantic Cinderella dresses or very, very heavy silk crepe or satin when they want to look slinky," says couturier Victor Edelstein, who finds his clients fall into these two very distinct types.



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Sandra Boler, editor of *Brides and Setting Up Home*, on looking through photographs of this year's first brides, reports not one simple white dress. "Everybody wants to look different this year and everything's more colourful with lots of pale pinks, greys and ivories with embroideries and trimmings," she says.

A good starting point for any bride-to-be would be Harrods' recently refurbished bridal salon — an oasis of calm hidden away at the far end of the dress department and which stocks a good cross section of designer-labelled wedding dresses from £55 to over £2,000, with labels such as Lyn Ashworth, Andrea Wilkin, Salmon and Greene and David Fielden.

Harrods also offers a computerized bridal registry for the tricky business of administrating The List, while their Long Hair Clinic specializes in creating coiffures to complement the bridal headdress.

It could, too, be a once-in-a-lifetime moment to consider the advantages of buying couture from one of the handful of London designers who still offer this service. Not only does it ensure that you get a dress that is unique but also that it fits perfectly.

Designers like Bruce Oldfield, Linda Cierach and the Emanuels undertake at least three fittings to achieve perfection, while Victor Edelstein often starts with a toile. Prices start at around £2,000, which seems good value considering the amount of work and fabric involved and substantially less than you would pay in Paris.

A happy compromise could be the new service offered by wedding specialist Andrea Wilkin, now in her own salon at Berkertex, where she is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for consultations. Off-the-peg dresses can be altered to size while one-off creations cost upwards of £2,000.

But brides on a budget could do no better than pick up a copy of Laura Ashley's new Bridal Collection brochure for a stylish selection of inexpensive fairy-tale gowns.

Unless you are prepared to go to the expense of made-to-measure shoes it's quite difficult to find something a bit different from the standard white satin pump.

From April, Emma Hope's enchanting new Islington shop will be stocking a special range of bridal shoes. Three of her most popular styles have been reshaped in luxurious slipper satin, moire or dupion and trimmed with pearls, embroidery and organza in either white or oyster, and will cost about £100.

And in a season when flowers set the tone, florists are being inundated with orders for new look bouquets and headdresses.

It's a florists nightmare — getting flowers to the point of overblown perfection and making sure they stay that way all day. At the revamped Moyses Stevens they report an enormous demand for the English Garden look. "There has to be a very fresh, very flowing style about everything," says marketing director Jo Avison. "We're doing lots of baskets of fresh flowers that look as though the bride has just picked them in a glade but in fact it's incredibly difficult to do."

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Keeping spry and dry

Brave the blustery weather in a sharp slicker or a classic trenchcoat cropped to the knee. The new raincoats are being swept off the rails and out on to the streets



Above centre: Olive green lightweight showerproof cotton gaberdine coat with hood, £189, Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1; selected branches **Above:** Short trapeze-line raincoat in black PVC, worn belted in sketch, £135, sizes 10-14, *Fenwick, 63 New Bond Street, W1*

ight: Black and hite houndstooth heck polyurethane aincoat, £75, House f Fraser, 318 xford Street, W1; heffield; Army & avy, SW1; endalls, lanchester; lackhams, irmingham lustrations by aroline Bays

It may be that designers enjoy the challenge of creating something with real-life demands in mind. It might be the gutsier fabrics that presented themselves to be used this season. Whatever the reason, when it comes to a raincoat the choice in the shops today seems wonderfully wide. Whether it is the raglan-sleeved classic in a new, sharp colour or a rain slicker in glossy PVC, the new short swing mac is worth splashing out on.

There is a bigger scale to it generally which makes it work. Generously deep-set sleeves, or a raglan, allow it to be tossed easily on top of a jacket, an obvious requirement that many a designer neglected in the past. The fashionable trapeze line looks good worn flying loose, or its folds clutched in with a smart, bold belt.

Prices run from £59.99 for a fawn storm-flapped proofed cotton coat at branches of Warehouse, up to £185 for an above-the-knee swing mac in scarlet proofed cotton from Burberry, or £215 for their classic trench, cropped to the knee. One of the sharpest-looking is Jaeger's neat navy and white striped showerproof swing coat in cotton and linen which costs £149.

At the top end, Hermès have a regular rubberized cotton riding mac in an orange so vivid that it would frighten the horses. The Hobbs chain provide the sort of handsome coat you could count on looking good forever, a heavy duty rubberized riding mac in ivory, black or navy, priced at £149. Marks & Spencer currently have two winners: one is a bright green cotton short swing coat with blue facings at £60. The other is a traditional trenchcoat in polyester and cotton which Marks & Spencer sensibly do in three lengths: short in sizes 10 to 16; standard and long in sizes 10 to 18. The price is £65, buckles, epaulettes and all.

PEOPLE

Out of uniform



Daisy Donovan: making an early start in the fashion business

Daisy Donovan, a 14-year-old pupil at St Paul's Girls' School, took her first step towards a career in fashion last night. At the Leap Year Twist, the half-term ball at the Hammersmith Palais for pupils at London day schools, Daisy staged a fashion show.

Clothes were picked from Way In and Young Crowd, the new department on Harrods' fourth floor which caters for 10 to 17-year-olds. Daisy's father, the fashion photographer and commercial film director *Terence Donovan*, helped pick the models, (six girls, six boys, with two understudies) from among the tallest of Daisy's fellow pupils, plus recruits from Godolphin & Latimer School and St Paul's. The music track for the show was made by Daisy's brother *Terry*, aged 16.

● Smirnoff is spreading wide its support for young British fashion talents. Yesterday, designer *Jeff Banks* presented the Smirnoff student menswear design awards at Imbex, the menswear trade fair at Olympia. The winning art college was Epsom. The Albert Hall is the venue for the other Smirnoff-sponsored student event, the annual UK Fashion Awards, on Thursday. Designers *Franco Moschino*, *Vivienne Westwood* and *John Richmond* are among the judges. Jeff Banks presents the show, to be screened by Thames Television on March 7.

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When the face fits...wear it

The Japanese cosmetics giant Shiseido is about to project itself on the British scene, and soon the English rose will be finding herself on screen



Stephen Jones and Shiseido: Rippled hat in red silk jacquard, £200 to order. Silvered sculpted earrings, £22.50, Janet Fitch, 2 Percy Street, London W1

Lights! The camera lens focuses for a close-up. The fashionable face is taking a screen test. The image flashes on to a television screen and freezes. Lips gleaming with berry-red gloss might be the focal point. Eyes are emphasized in a smudge of buff that modulates to a rounded shape. The complexion is pale, warming to a gentle blush high on the cheekbone. But then the image on the screen begins to change. Berry red switches to magenta. A line is drawn as if to frame the eye in kohl. A beauty consultant is working with an electronic "make-up brush" or laser pen, applying and re-applying new shades, using a variety of make-up techniques, on the face on the screen.

On Friday the face being electronically made up could be yours, when the Japanese cosmetics company Shiseido installs its Make-up Simulator in Selfridges on Oxford Street, and starts putting the English rose through her screen test. Myriad "special effects" come into play with the 160,000 cosmetic shades in the simulator's memory applied with its menu of brushes for line, wash and paint effects.

In reality, cosmetics are more than mere special effects. Expertly applied, they boost a woman's confidence. Yet few women switch lipstick shades or experiment with methods of application as often as they try on new clothes; for one thing, cosmetics are far too expensive to allow much dabbling. With the simulator, though, any such reticence goes. You do not even clean off the make-up you are wearing before the experiment starts.

The marriage between high technology and the beauty business is not exactly new. This decade has been marked by the fine-tuning of advances in the industry with new hi-tech packaging and high-performance products at cosmetics counters, where the sales girl is an analyst with a print-out of your beauty needs in her hand programmed by one of a variety of diagnostic computers. Elizabeth Arden even introduced an earlier make-up simulator a few years back — also in Selfridges.

Shiseido claims revolutionary advances with more subtle nuances in shading and retouching techniques, and a more natural image on the screen, to justify celebrating its own arrival, after appearances of the simulator in the United States, Paris and Milan, on Oxford Street.

Although the cosmetics industry has come a long way since Marlene Dietrich framed her eyelids for an early screen test with the tip of a used matchstick dipped in baby oil, it is Shiseido's ability to find the balance between ancient Japanese ritual and modern technological advances that has contributed to its phenomenal international success.

It cherishes the seventh-century Japanese massage technique using *nukabukuro*, little cotton bags filled with rice bran, as much as pioneering new products in its Yokohama research laboratories. Although Japanese women no longer rouge their ear lobes, and brides no longer stain their teeth black (to accent the whiteness of skin polished with *oshiroi*, a white compound) as they once did, Shiseido keeps alive the ancient ritual of *shiatsu* or finger-face massage and still produces a pretty presentation pack of lip gloss in a porcelain bowl to dab on with a fingertip.

Shiseido today is a £1.5 billion international empire, the top cosmetics manufacturer in Japan and the third largest in the world, after Avon and l'Oréal.

Although it made tentative moves into the United States and Italy in the Sixties, the company's major thrust overseas dates back little more than a decade. Its move into this country was made only last September, exclusively at Harrods in Knightsbridge. This month sees a breakthrough on a broader front, with Shiseido counters opening in Kendalls in Manchester and Rackhams in Birmingham, as well as at Selfridges.

Just as Shiseido employs leading dermatologists in its research laboratories and uses considerable feedback from customers through its highly developed customer services, the British market was tested before leaping in. A skin specialist at Cardiff University monitored 200 British women over three months, and dispatched his results to Yokohama where Dr Tatsuya Ozawa and his team in Shiseido's Science Life Laboratories pored over the resulting graphs.

Their findings are said to reveal that whereas Japanese women have oilier cheeks and Americans oilier foreheads, it is the British noses that glow. The skin of the English rose has been proved to be the softest in the world, but alas this means it ages faster.

Shiseido's most powerful weapon in the fight against the wrinkle, BH-24 Day/ Night Essence, is being launched in this country this week. Based on a laboratory recreation of bio-hyaluronic acid, which is a natural lubricant, it has proved to be Shiseido's best-selling line in the States. A dropper dispenser insures measured doses for day, and for a night's beauty sleep.

Shiseido bravely encourages customers to judge results of its products by using its Replica Skin Analyser system. At a counter consultation, the sales assistant or analyst applies a patch of pink paste to a small area of the cheek. This is peeled off, and the resulting image of your skin surface, fed into the computer, is magnified 20 times. The print-out, looking unfortunately like the close-up of the textured and puckered fabrics for which the Japanese fashion industry is famous, determines not just which products you should use initially, but a second consultation weeks later assesses their success.

In Japan, sex is not used to sell cosmetics. Instead of soft-focus smudges of couples or pouting Lolitas, simple narcissism is the ploy, with a glossy smile and a dewy-eyed gaze. In all its promotions since 1978, Shiseido has used the French *visagiste* Serge Lutens, who skilfully portrays Shiseido cosmetics as part of a costume fantasy. The result is an undisputed success.

Shiseido's compact foundation, which is applied wet or dry to look matt or glowing, has become an essential in every professional make-up artist's box of tricks. Its Eye System shadow quartets (£10), and Modulating Blusher (£11), are favourites, too, and Shiseido's fashion image is now solidly consolidated.

The ordered existence of the Japanese is legend. Their cities are scrupulously clean. In Tokyo, ashtrays for cigarette butts stand in the streets. Taxi-drivers wear white gloves and white linen antimacassars protect cab seats. The formal plans of the gardens, with groomed gravel, promenades around ponds fringed with maple and azalea and an overall tonality of grey-green and stone with bronze and carved wood, provide a study in relaxation. This symmetry and harmony pervades even the cosmetics industry. Packaging is meticulous.

In a young range for the Japanese market, Perky Jean lipstick comes in a palette that includes three colours and lip brush in a case as slim and neat as a credit card.

Shiseido's view of beauty goes further than skin deep. Shiseido Wellness comprises fitness clubs and "holonic" (health) studios. Shiseido Cuisine is dispensed from an elegant penthouse restaurant overlooking the Imperial Palace Gardens in Tokyo as well as in 17 parlours (Shiseido opened its first ice-cream parlour in the Ginza in 1901) and restaurants dotted around Japan.

Dr Ozawa's labs are currently working on Fitcross, Shiseido's new pharmaceutical range, which will comprise vitamins, medicated skincare, exercise and fitness aids and will bring Shiseido back full circle to its origins as the first Western-style pharmacy opened in Tokyo in 1872.

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Tiny top hat in glossy black straw, £120, Stephen Jones, from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Netherwoods, York. Bouffant bow on navy and cream silk blouse, £215, John Galliano from Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Gallery 28, 28 Brook Street, W1. Crescent ear clips, £23, Butler & Wilson

Make-up and hair: Jalle Bakke for Vincent Lonnro Cosmetics from Shiseido's new Gallant Colours

Photographs: STEVIE HUGHES

Flying off into the hearts of the Japanese

If it is British and it has a distinctive label, the chances are that it will be a big seller among the shoppers of Tokyo



Treasured designers: Stephen Jones, Caroline Charles and Mary Quant (right)

The Japanese are on a shopping spree. Planes take off from Narita airport in Tokyo and transport the big spenders to Hong Kong; at the Peninsula Hotel, queues line up outside the Louis Vuitton boutique where a sign in the window, in Japanese, asks them to come in just six at a time.

The Japanese enthusiasm for French and Italian status labels is unstoppable, but what they really love is anything British. It is the Japanese who are *Burberrys'* main export customers. They appreciate that classic, uniform style. The streets off the Ginza, Tokyo's main shopping avenue, are studded with familiar names, *Dunhill, Jaeger, Aquascutum. Laura Ashley*, who made their debut in Tokyo as recently as 1985, were an instant hit and will have 14 more shops in Japan by the end of the year.

More than half the population of Japan is aged under 30, and it is the fashion-obsessed youth of Japan who currently help to keep a roof over many a young British designer's head, and more well-established London designers achieve superstardom.

Jasper Conran will fly to Tokyo in April to stage a fashion show. "I am being airlifted out of my brother Sebastian's wedding reception to get there for April 18," he says. *Rifat Ozbek*, whose enthusiasm for all things Japanese extends to his using the Ikedo, a Japanese restaurant in Brook Street near his design studios, like a canteen, was whisked out by the Shiseido cosmetic company to take part in a recent "Best of Five" British fashion show, and his clothes are prominently displayed in the Shiseido Ginza boutique.

Katharine Hamnett, whose basic line of shirts and minis, tailored cotton jackets and T-shirts has been made under licence in Japan since 1981, is the top-selling British designer, with concessions in 40 shops. "Their work ethos is quite feudal," Hamnett says. "Everyone tries so hard and will stay up night and day to get it right. Each worker takes personal responsibility for the product. There is no buck-passing like here."

Earlier this month *Caroline Charles* staged a preview of her autumn collection in her Beauchamp Place shop for a group of 36 Japanese buyers from the Fujii Vivre group. The warmth of her understanding of the Japanese way of life is best expressed in her collection of wedding dresses, made through a completely separate, and lucrative, licensing deal by Kurandia in Kyoto. After the initial shock of seeing her meticulous sketches interpreted with an extra dollop of diamonds and pearls smothering each sample dress, and wide whooshes of tulle supporting the crinoline skirts, Charles now tailors her normally understated style to the more elaborate wedding rituals of the Japanese, and enjoys it.

"The Japanese respect designers," she says. "You are a treasured possession, paid accordingly, and given non-stop treats like being taken to sumo wrestling or the kabuki theatre."

After the first success with his whacky hats at a Shiseido-sponsored British fashion show in Tokyo in 1986, the young London milliner *Stephen Jones* was soon repacking his trunks. The link between the cosmetic appeal of a chic topknot with the make-up glimpsed under the brim had been forged, and Shiseido commissioned Jones to report regularly on fashion fads, food, clubs, rock — whatever took his eye in London. Since then he makes regular trips to Shiseido in Tokyo, working on the packaging and promotion of a cosmetic line aimed at the teenage market. Last summer one and a half million Japanese teenagers sported the drape-printed cotton jersey Stephen Jones bandannas supplied for the Shiseido promotion. His hats are also manufactured in Japan and sold through Isetan stores.

Burberrys, with a 20-year headstart in the Far East market, now know to scale down their checked scarves and the size of their bags for the Japanese customer. Their classic trench is recut, not just in smaller sizes but to new proportions (the Japanese have longer waists, shorter legs). Trade with the Japanese, opened up by Burberrys' pioneering director *Roy Hole* in 1967, today amounts to more than £150 million (retail) from the 300 Burberry shops-within-shops.

It is *Mary Quant* however who is, as she says, an "honorary Japanese". Of her £100 million annual turnover, 75 per cent comes from Japan where a joint venture was established four years ago to sell cosmetics, fashions and household linens. Artwork for exclusive printed fabrics, drawings of the collections, are taken out three or four times a year and developed in the Quant headquarters, in her "small skyscraper", in Tokyo.

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Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** New Tom Stoppard *play on way to West End.* Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal *and Iain Glen.*
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, SW19 (01-540 0362). *Tube: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat* 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm, £6.50-£9.

☆ ***THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK*** **(L'AIDE MEMOIRE):** Jean-Pierre Cassel and Jane Lapotaire *represent order and chaos in Jean-*Claude Carrière's first stage play; performances in English and *French.*
Théâtre Artaud, French Institute, 17 Queensberry Place, SW7 (01-589 6211). *Tube:* South Kensington. English version Tues-Sat and March 8-12, 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm. French version March 1-5, 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm; opens March 3, 7pm. £4.50-£10.50.

★ **NANA:** Shared Experience's vigorous *production of Zola's tale* of decadent abandon in *fin de siècle* Paris.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm. mats Thurs 2.30-4.30pm and Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£10.50.

☆ **POSSIBILITIES:** Ten short plays by Howard Barker, ranging in setting from Biblical times to now.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8pm, opens Thurs 7pm. *Then daily 8pm (except March 7* and 14), £4.50-£7.50.

☆ **THE RINK:** Kander and Ebb musical set in a roller skating rink with Josephine Blake and Diane *Langton as mother and daughter at* odds about its future.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham *Street, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube:* Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.10pm, £8-£19.50.

WORD-WATCHING
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TIDDLEY
(a) A seaman's word for smart: hence a tiddley ship is one that is pusser to the nth degree; perhaps from *tidy* influenced by *titivate.*

REBEC
(a) One of the earliest bowed instruments, and one of the contributory ancestors to the viola; an inexplicable variation of the Old French *ribebe* a three-stringed fiddle.

SKRAELING
(c) Also Skrelling, a native inhabitant of Vinland, the Old Icelandic name for the N.E. coast of North America; plural *Skraelingar.*

NASEBERRY
(b) The West Indian tree, *Sapota Achras,* which yields a marginally edible fruit called the Sapodilla plum; from the Spanish or Portuguese *nespera* medlar.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward *Theatre* (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** *Drury Lane Theatre (01-836* 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** *Palace Theatre* (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** *Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216).* . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ ***Starlight Express*:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's *Theatre (01-836 5122).*

OUT OF TOWN

DUNDEE: ☆ ***Cuttin' Rug*:** Comedy by John (*Tutti Frutti*) Byrne set in a carpet factory; cast includes Katy Murphy (the spirited Miss Toner). Repertory Theatre, Tay Square (0382 23530), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £2.50-£4.80.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ★ ***Carrie*:** Production of Stephen King shocker set to music. Until March 5, then goes to Broadway.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5-£17.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☒ Advance booking possible

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the *voodoo underworld of New* Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style *(113 min).*
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.10, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed by Tom Mankiewicz (106 min).
☒ Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Prgs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.
☒ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.

FOUR ADVENTURES OF REINETTE AND MIRABELLE (U): *Eric Rohmer's latest divertissement* – four improvised episodes in the lives of two girls, the rural Mirabelle (Jessica Forde) and the urban Reinette (Joëlle Miquel) (95 min). Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.

HAIL, HAIL ROCK 'N' ROLL (PG): Documentary tribute to Chuck Berry – a seamless blend of performance footage (mostly shot at Berry's 60th birthday concert) and articulate interviews with rock personnel. Directed by Taylor Hackford (121 min).
☒ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). *Progs* 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.55.

■ **THE LOST BOYS (15):** *Adolescent vampire teenagers.* The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel Schumacher directs (97 min).
☒ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN (PG): A quiet night's baby-sitting ends in turmoil. Attractive comedy-adventure directed by Chris Columbus. Elizabeth Shue heads the young cast (102 min).
☒ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.10.

NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence. Is she sane enough to stand trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins).
☒ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 12.50, 3.15, 5.40, 8.25.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.50, 6.20, 8.45.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

REPENTANCE (PG): Tragi-comic treatment of the Stalinist nightmare from Georgian director *Tenghiz* Abuladze, centring on the life and death of a vicious small-town bureaucrat. Completed in 1982 but only recently released (150 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.30, 4.35, 7.50.
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). *Progs* 2.55, 6.05, 9.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.25, 4.25, 7.35.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant.
☒ Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **NEW CHAUNDY:** As a lunchtime contribution to the vast "Theme and Variations" series the Guildhall Chamber Orchestra gives the world première of Giles Chaundy's From Winter to Spring, preceding it with Sir Lennox Berkeley's Divertimento and Rawsthorne's Piano Concerto No 1 (Katazyna Grzeskowiak, soloist). Odaline de la Martinez conducts.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 1-1.55pm, free.

☆ **CHEN'S CHOICE:** Lelan Chen, the Taiwanese violinist plays Schumann's Sonata No 1, Handel's Sonata No 5 and Bartók's Rumanian Dances with Julius Drake at the piano.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.50pm, £1.50.

☆ **SAMUEL SOUNDS:** Jill Samuel likewise performs Bartók's Rumanian Dances, a violin sonata by Handel, Kreisler's *Liebesleid,* Joplin's *Elite Syncopations,* a Sevilla by Albeniz, a Scherzo by Brahms, a Tango by Albeniz, all with Yvonne Behar at the piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **TWO BY TWO BY SHELLEY:** The "Two by Two" lunchtime series of Chopin and Debussy is continued by Howard Shelley with the former composer's Nocturnes Op 15, Scherzo Op 39, Fantasy Op 49, Polonaise Op 53 and the latter's Images II.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-1.55pm, £3.

EVENING

☆ **WALTON'S POINT:** Vernon Handley conducts the RPO in Walton's Portsmouth Point Overture, Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending (Barry Griffiths, violin) and Partita, plus Elgar's "Enigma" Variations.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£20.

☆ **SENN SINGS:** Marta Senn, soprano, sings songs by Ginastera and Guastavino, Villa-Lobos and Valencia, Holguin, Mejia and Ponce. Pablo Arevalo accompanies.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm. £3-£5.

☆ **BRITTEN BY BRITTEN:** The Britten Quartet interprets Britten's Quartet No 1, Verdi's Quartet and Mozart's Quartet K 456 "Dissonance".
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30pm, £4.80.

☆ **PICCOLO BACH:** Anner Bylsma plays Bach's Sonata for solo violin BWV 1003 arranged for cello piccolo, Schubert's Sonata for arpeggione arranged for cello, Beethoven's Cello Sonata Op 102 No 1 and Mendelssohn's Sonata Op 45. He is accompanied on the fortepiano by Melvyn Tan.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

☆ **LCC BRITTEN:** Beginning with Britten's Choral Dances from Gloriana, ending with his Five Flower Songs, the London Cantata Choir in between Memor esto Novissima, Joubert's Lines from the Youth of Man, and other things.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm £2.50.

☆ ***GAINSBOROUGH QUARTET:*** Haydn's Quartet Op 20 No 5 and Beethoven's Op 18 Nos 3 and 6 are heard from the Gainsborough Quartet.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 7.30pm, £5.50.

☆ ***HANDEL'S BIRTHDAY:*** To mark Handel's birthday, the London Festival Orchestra plays his inevitable *Water Music,* a concerto grosso, Grainger's Handel in the Strand plus Mozart's Piano Concerto K 271 (Ian Munro, soloist). Ross Pople conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£6.

OPERA

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera 80's shoestring production, with Kate McCarney in the title role and Sian Edwards conducting.
Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St Austell (072681 4004), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£6.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**I Should Be So Lucky**	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
2	(5)	**Beat Dis**	Bomb the Bass, *Mister Ron*
3	(4)	**Get Outta My Dreams**	Billy Ocean, *Jive*
4	(3)	**Tell it to my Heart**	Taylor Dayne, *Arista*
5	(2)	**I Think We're Alone Now**	Tiffany, *MCA*
6	(–)	**Suedehead**	Morrissey, *HMV*
7	(8)	**Say It Again**	Jermaine Stewart, *10 Records*
8	(12)	**Gimme Hope Joanna**	Eddy Grant, *Ice*
9	(–)	**Together Forever**	Rick Astley, *RCA*
10	(25)	**Doctorin' the House**	Coldcut Yazz, *Ahead of our Time*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Introducing the Hardline According to**	Terence Trent D'Arby, *CBS*
2	(2)	**Bridge of Spies**	T'Pau, *Siren*
3	(4)	**Popped in Souled out**	Wet Wet Wet, *Precious Organization*
4	(3)	**Christians**	*Christians, Island*
5	(–)	**Tiffany**	Tiffany, *MCA*
6	(5)	**Turn Back the Clock**	Johnny Hates Jazz, *Virgin*
7	(–)	**All About Eve**	All About Eve, *Mercury*
8	(6)	**Whenever You Need Somebody**	Rick Astley, *RCA*
9	(9)	**Bad**	Michael Jackson, *Epic*
10	(7)	**Come into my Life**	Joyce Sims, *Fern*

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Rock 'n' roll rogues

After the Christmas success of "Fairytale Of New York", the Pogues embark on a lengthy tour of Britain to promote the superb album, *If I Should Fall From Grace With God.* Reactions to the group's first shambling appearances as Pogue Mahone, in 1982, varied from indulgent amusement to outright horror. The sight of a band of Irish north Londoners, struggling to play a repertoire of punk-speed pseudo-folk songs on a battered collection of penny whistles, accordions and banjos, was hardly one to engender confidence in the ensemble's long term prospects. But despite his wheezing voice and a cultivated look of transcendent gormlessness, Shane MacGowan *has proved to be a witty and adept songwriter* for a group that has skilfully fused a startling variety of elements into its music. Also, the recent recruits, Philip Chevron (guitar) and Terry Woods (concertina, cittern, banjo), are both experienced, bona fide Irish roots musicians of considerable influence, and all the signs suggest that the Pogues are entering the prime of a career which has already revised the course of contemporary folk. Tonight they play at the De Montford Hall, Granville Road, Leicester (0533 544444) 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50; tomorrow, Forum at the NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Friday, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606); Saturday, Capitol, Aberdeen (0224 583141); and Sunday, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590).
David Sinclair

☆ **ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD:** The Gerald Scarfe-designed production for *English National Opera kicks its* legs once again, with a gargantuan cast and robust vulgarization of Offenbach.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **IL CORSARO:** Verdi's early Byronic opera has a rare but eagerly awaited showing this week, thanks to University College Opera.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629). 7.30-10.15pm, £4.50-£7.

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera North's calculatedly squalid production with Cynthia Buchan in the title role.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922), 7.15-10.15pm, £3.50-£17.50.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Preview performance of Noël Coward's classic in its new production by Ian Judge.
New Sadler's Wells Opera, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£18.50.

ROCK

★ **LYLE LOVETT:** Texan out of Nashville country singer/guitarist with a stylish new album, *Pontiac.* Accompanied here by a cellist only.
Mean Fiddler, Acoustic Room, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £6, for two nights.

☆ **IT BITES:** The Cumbrian quartet still in search of a hit to follow up 1986's "Calling All The Heroes".
Marquee, 90 Wardour Street, London W1 (01-437 6603) 7pm, £5.50.

☆ **THE PROCLAIMERS:** The "Letter From America" twins, Charlie and Craig Reid, from Auchtermuchty.
Mayfair, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 223076) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **THE CROSS:** Band featuring Queen's drummer, Roger Taylor, slumming it on guitar and lead vocals.
Sheffield Polytechnic Students' Union, Pond Street (0742 738934) 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **ALL ABOUT EVE:** Pop-rock mystics fronted by dreamy Julianne Regan. Recently in the chart with "Wild Hearted Woman".
Powerhouse, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 643 4715) 7.30pm, £5.

DANCE

☆ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Peter Wright's sumptuous production for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.30-10.15pm, £3-£15.

☆ **SYMPHONIC VARIATIONS:** Ashton's pure dance ballet for the Royal Ballet with Bintley's *Sons of Horus* and MacMillan's *Fin du Jour.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.30pm, £1-£30.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place, York (0904 23568), 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£8.50.

★ **LA SYLPHIDE:** London City Ballet's stylish production of the old romantic ballet.
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill, Cambridge (0223 352000), 7.30pm, £6-£6.50.

JAZZ

☆ **JEAN TOUSSAINT:** The ex-Blakey tenor player, *now resident* in London, explores the Rollins-Coltrane heritage.
Jazz Café, *56 Newington Green,* London N16 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, £1.

☆ **KEN COLYER BENEFIT:** Trad musicians gather for a fund-raising concert for one of Britain's *leading* revivalists.
100 Club, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933) 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **RECEDENTS:** Modern trio of saxophonist Lol Coxhill, percusssionist Roger Turner and blues guitarist Mike Cooper.
The Cooler, 28 Newarke Street, Leicester (0533 21896/552085) 8.30pm, £2.50.

☆ **BLOSSOM DEARIE:** Into the second week of her lengthy residency, the American cabaret singer trips through some witty songs, side by side with more staid material.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm, ring for prices.

WALKS

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

INNS OF COURT – ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Tues).

TALKS

PERSIAN CONNECTIONS: Lecture by Paul Gotch of the Iran Society on the Persian connections of King Antiochus on Nimrud Dagh in Commagene.
The Iran Society, 33 Bury Street, London SW1, 6.30pm, free.

SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS: Gallery lecture by Alfred Bradley and Susan Morris.
National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, 1.10pm, free.

NORTHCLIFFE LITERATURE: Barbara Everett, senior research fellow at Somerville College, Oxford, talks on purchasing *experience through the readings of* four tragedies by Shakespeare.
University College London, Gustave Tuck *Theatre,* Gower Street, London WC1, 5.30pm, free.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE: Lecture by Dr Thomas Cocke on the appreciation of Gothic since the Middle Ages.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). 1pm, free.

GALLERIES

ESMOND KNIGHT: See caption.
Saga Art Gallery, 3 Elystan Street, London SW3 (01-584 5584), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Feb 27.

EDOUARD VUILLARD (1868-1940): Paintings, pastels, watercolours and drawings by a great French artist.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until April 15.

TIM HEAD: Recent paintings by the winner of last year's John Moores Prize.
Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 37 Cowper Street, London EC2 (01-608 1516), Tues-Sun 11-6pm, free, until March 20.

MODERN SCOTTISH JEWELLERY: *Works by Anne Finlay, Simon* Fraser, Alison Campbell and Yvonne Kulagowski.
Hitchcock's Gallery, 10 Chapel Row, Bath (0225-330646), Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until April 2.

GRAHAM CROWLEY: Recent paintings of rooms and eerie cityscapes exploring current anxieties.
Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Sat 10-6, free until March 5.

HECTOR McDONNELL: Small, pleasant paintings depicting locations from uptown New York to rural Tibet.
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until March 4.

TAM JOSEPH: Recent figurative paintings.
Newlyn Art Gallery, New Road, Newlyn, Penzance (0736 63715), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, free, until March 12.

ESSENTIAL BLACK ART: A touring review of work done since 1970 by black artists, selected by Rasheed Araeen.
Chisenhale Studios, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, London E3 (01-981 4518), Wed-Sat 12-6pm, free, until March 5.

ETCHINGS: *Works by eight artists* including Auerbach, Freud, Hodgkin, Kossoff, Rego and Wiszniewski.
Nigel Greenwood Gallery, 4 New Burlington Street, London W1 (01-*434 3795*), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until Feb 27.

PRINTING IS EASY: Five exhibitions illustrating techniques and including a show of 100 posters from printmaking workshops nationwide.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061), Tues-Sun 12-5pm and 7-10pm, *free, until March 6.*



Despite being partially blinded in the Second World War, the actor Esmond Knight (above) continued to enjoy a distinguished career in the theatre and cinema. He was also a talented landscape painter. In a tribute to her *husband, who died last year,* Knight's widow Nora Swinburne has organized an exhibition of his pictures (see listing). Of the 25 works on show, the majority have been lent by actor friends and the remainder are for sale, the proceeds from which will be donated to a theatrical charity.

LE CORBUSIER: So-called "purist" paintings and drawings by the modern architect.
ASB Gallery, 28 Bruton Street, London W1 (01-491 1333), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until May 6.

OTHER EVENTS

SALE OF EARLY ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL CERAMICS: Includes an extremely rare teabowl (1749), only the second Vincennes "inventaire" known to exist, is one of the a Meissen part tea service, some fine Italian majolica and 18th century Staffordshire salt glaze pieces.
Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080), 10am and 2.30pm, *free (catalogue £12).*

SPRING INTERNATIONAL AND ANTIQUES FAIR: 1500 *covered* stalls and 500 outside pitches selling everything from small items – jewellery, silver and porcelain – to furniture.
Newark and Notts Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts. Today 7am-4pm, £2 (before 9am), £1 *(after 9am).*

WANG YANI DEMONSTRATIONS: The 11-year-old Chinese painter at work today.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323) 11am-12noon and 1.30-3pm, £2 (child five-15 £1, under-fives free).

ROSEBERY'S SALE: Three hundred lots of oriental and European ceramics and glass, netsukes, silver plate, silver and jewellery. Most from the 19th century.
Rosebery's, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (01-837 3418) 2pm (viewing from 10am), free (catalogue £3.50).

HALF TERM CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS: *Four-day* workshops in drama (seven to 11 years) painting and construction (six to nine years) comics and cut-outs (nine to 14 years) and printmaking (eight to 12 years).
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (01-431 1292). Daily 10am-3pm, until Fri, course fee £45.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK: April highlights include Chelsea Opera Group in concert performance of Lennox *Berkeley's Nelson to celebrate the composer's 50th birthday;* BBC Philharmonic performances of Messiaen's *Turangalila* symphony; *and percussion spectacular with* first British performance of Takemitsu work. Also evening of North Indian classical music; East-West musical encounter; Anglo-Chinese concerts; and Adzido Pan *African Dance Ensemble.*
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from March 1-2.

EMIGRES: Series of three concerts with Lontano devoted to works by Karl Weigl and Goldschmidt, two composers who emigrated from Austria and Germany during the Thirties, including several first performances. April 15-17.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800) Advance booking open. General booking from March 1-2.

LUCIANO BERIO: Composer conducts the first British performance of his *Requies in memoriam Cathy Berberian* (revised version), with the London Sinfonietta. April 25.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from March 1-2.

LAST CHANCE

HOLIDAY ON ICE: Last performances of ice skating show, including Invasion from Mars, Disco Fever, Highland Fling, and Snow White.
Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middx (01-902 1234). Ends this week.

L.S. LOWRY: 80 paintings showing variety of artist's work.
Herbert Art Gallery, Jordan's Well, Coventry (0203 255555). Ends Sun.

FROM WATERLOO TO THE SOMME: Exhibition about the British army, 1815-1914, showing how public perceived the military: battle paintings, portraits, and section dealing with the home life of army personnel.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4865). Ends Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Today 1.00 GUILDHALL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. A Theme with Variations Tom's 7.45 NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Popular Classics David Coleman (cond).

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. 01 928 3191. CC (928 8800). Tomorrow 7.45 pm LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Jane Glover, Elizabeth Wallfisch. Symphony No 40. Concert Arias K418 & K217; Oliver Knussen Symphony No. 2; Haydn Symphony No 91.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191. CC (928 8800). Tonight 7.30pm. RPO. Vernon Handley. Elgar Enigma Variations. Walton's Overture Portsmouth Point; Vaughan Williams: Partita for double string orchestra; The Lark Ascending; Elgar Enigma Variations.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tom's 7.30 Orpheus in the Underworld. Tomor 7.30 Billy Budd.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Gil Lamb in Pardon My Wrench (b/w) **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. Plus, the latest news from the Winter Olympics in Calgary. **8.30** Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series starring Cindy Williams and Penny Marshall. **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. **10.00** News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and The Wombles (r). **11.55** Fire to Eleven. A reading by David King. **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. **12.00** News and weather followed by Olympic Report. Highlights of the original set pattern in the ice-dance championship; the women's 500m speed skating; and ice hockey. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.20** Neighbours. Edna Ramsay decides to divorce her husband after 50 years of marriage. **1.50** Going for Gold. **2.15** Knots Landing. Mack is on a hit list when he comes too close to the Wolfbridge Group. **3.00** Valerie. American domestic comedy series. **3.25** The Clothes Show. Selina Scott and Jeff Banks report on the fashion show held at the Sydney Opera House where the UK were represented by Bruce Oldfield and Jean Muir. **3.50** Henry's Cat (r). **4.00** Philomena. Cartoon aventures of *a farmyard kitten (r).* **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version. **4.15** Jackanory. Michael Maloney with part two of Natalie Babbitt's *Goody Hall.* **4.25** Yogi Bear (r). **4.35** The Really Wild Show. Nature series presented by Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies and Chris Packham. **5.00** Newsround. **5.10** Grange Hill. Episode 15 (of 20). (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Holiday 88. Three unemployed Liverpool teenagers go youth hostelling in the Peak District on their dole money; Frank Bough is in Rimini; and Kathy Tayler visits Florida's Disneyworld. (Ceefax) **7.30** EastEnders. Lou issues one of her not-to-be-ignored summons'; Arthur is perplexed by an apparent change in attitude by his mother-in-law; and Kathy swallows her pride and asks a favour of Pat. (Ceefax) **8.00** A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Walter Swinburne, Neil Foster, Tom McKean and Eamonn Darcy. (Ceefax) **8.30** Wildlife on One: Oasis. A documentary about the wildlife of an oasis in the Sahara Desert. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather. **9.30** The Play on One: Unreported Incident, by David Martin. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **11.00** Network. This first of a new series of the viewer reaction *programme presented by Anna* Ford examines the past year's Aids awareness campaigns. **11.50** Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Technology — Dome is What You Make It. Ends at **7.20**. **9.00** Ceefax. **9.20** Daytime on Two: coping with change **9.52** Tudor ships and seamen **10.15** Part five of a story about pigeon racing **10.36** Young technologists tackle a problem faced by Brunel **11.00** A trip down a coal mine **11.15** Computers **11.35** The first programme of a series on racialism and how it can be fought **11.55** A teachers programe on home economics **12.20** An Italian language profile of the Mayor of Montemilone **12.50** Lesson five of the 15-part Spanish for beginners course **1.20** For the young **1.35** A dramatized portrait of Dr John Harries — the Wizard of Cwrt-y-Cadno **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year-olds. **2.15** Sign Extra: From Cradle to Grave (r). **2.45** Seabrook Down Under. Peter Seabrook pays a springtime visit to Christchurch Botanic Gardens on New Zealand's South Island. **3.00** News and weather followed by *Olympic Match of the Day* introduced by Steve Rider. Highlights of the first part of the ice hockey championship. **3.50** News, regional news and weather. **4.00** Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Coia. **4.30** The *Little Trains to Lynton.* A tribute to the Barnstaple to Lynton railway, opened in 1898 only to be closed less than four decades later by the popularity of the motor car. Former passengers recall the 19½ mile line with the help of photographs and archive film. Written and narrated by Gwyn Richards (first shown on BBC Bristol). **5.00** Gardeners' World introduced from Barnsdale by Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank (r). **5.30** Olympic Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam featuring the second section of the ice-dance championship and the women's 500m speed skating event. Plus the latest news from the biathlon 10km event.



Orson Welles: on BBC2, 9.00pm

7.10 Telejournal. Domestic and international news from ZDF, West Germany's second channel; and a report on "Roy Flash", a chain-letter system that is attracting the attention of West German gamblers. **7.40** A Rothschild and His Red Gold. A documentary about the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild who died last month at the age of 85 (r). **8.30** Food and Drink includes the final of the Super Cook 1988 competition; advice on buying the most suitable potatoes; and the editor of the *Good Food Guide*, Drew Smith, investigates the disappearance of dairy ice cream. **9.00** Film: The Third Man (1949, b/w) starring Joseph Cotten, Orson Welles, Trevor Howard and Valli. A classic thriller set in post Second World War Vienna about an American writer searching for his old friend Harry Lime, now a black marketeer, refusing to believe the rumour that he is dead. Screenplay by Graham Greene and directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax) **10.40** Newsnight. **11.25** Weather. **11.30** Olympic Report. Desmond Lynam with the latest news from Calgary. **12.00** Open University: World Politics. Ends at **12.30am**.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes Good Morning Britain at **7.00** and **8.00** featuring news, Money Matters, sports reports and weather. **9.00** Wacaday presented by Timmy Mallett. **9.25** Thames news. **9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game. **10.00** Santa Barbara. **10.25** News. **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Geoff Druett chairs a discussion on a topical subject. **11.10** Rainbow. Learning with puppets. **11.25** Thames news headlines. **11.30** About Britain: Weir's Way. Tom Weir with the first of a series in which he takes viewers on a conducted tour of Scotland beginning with the forests and hills of the Spey Valley. **12.00** Gas Street. Music and chat show presented by Vince Hill. **12.30** News. **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** What's My Line? Odd occupations quiz chaired by Penelope Keith. **1.30** Quincy. The police pathologist tries to convince political terrorists holding hostages that they are all exposed to a deadly virus (r). **2.30** The Treatment. Magazine series on health matters presented by Josephine Buchan. **3.00** The Write Stuff. Henry Kelly meets romance author Noel Barber; and Anne Edwards talks about her biographies. **3.25** Thames news headlines. **3.30** The Young Doctors. **4.00** Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10. **4.15** Towser (r). **4.25** Turn on to T-Bag starring Elizabeth Estensen. **4.50** Do It. (Oracle) **5.15** Connections. Quiz game presented by Sue Robbie. **5.45** News. **6.00** Thames news followed by Crimestoppers. **6.25** Help with news of Workout, an *organization which puts* unemployed young people in touch with older people who have been in a similar predicament. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Bless This House. Vintage domestic comedy series starring Sidney James and Diana Coupland. **7.30** Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. **8.00** Minder. The Car Lot Beggers. A friend of Arthur's has his car lot raided and his log books and keys stolen. Suspicion falls on a group of gypsies camped nearby (r). **9.00** Shelley. Comedy series starring Hywel Bennett as an indolent graduate (r). **9.30** That's Love. Domestic comedy series starring Jimmy Mulville and Diana Hardcastle. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten. **10.30** Thames news. **10.35** Shutdown. A documentary based on research carried out by Teesside Polytechnic examining what happens to a workforce when its workplace shuts down. The company was Smith's Dock on Teesside and 200 of its former workforce were interviewed six times in the year since the company's closure in October 1986. **11.35** Magnum. The sun-kissed private detective helps to rescue a dolphin. **12.35am** Roxy — the Network Chart Show. Among those appearing are Vanessa Paradis and Bomb the Bass. **1.05** Kojak. A highly contagious man sets out to kill the man who framed his brother for murder. **2.00** News headlines followed by Film: The Red Circle (1970) starring Alain Delon and Yves Montand. Thriller about a gangster who teams up with an escaped convict and a former policeman to plan a jewel robbery. Directed by Jean-Pierre Melville. **4.00** News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series. **4.30** *Nashville Swing featuring* Ronnie Prophet. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools (r). **12.00** Business Daily. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. For children. **1.00** Circuit Training. The second of a five-part series linked to an Open College course designed to clear up the mysteries of electronics (r). (Oracle) **1.30** Write On. Part seven of the series on improving writing skills examines ways in which these skills can be used (r). (Oracle) **2.00** The Parliament Programme. **2.30** Film: For Those in Peril (1944, b/w) starring David Farrer. Second World War documentary drama about the work of the Air-Sea Rescue Unit of the RAF focusing on the experiences of a reluctant recruit and his commanding officer. Directed by Charles Crichton. **3.45** Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer. This edition includes advice on how to choose a comfortable bed; Robert Carvel meets a ghost hunter; Jack Scott interviews astronomer Heather Couper; an investigation into what happens in Edinburgh during the twilight hours; and Robert Dougall examines insomnia. **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge game presented by William G Stewart. **5.00** Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent. **5.30** Superchamps. The fourth in the seven-part series in which eight- to 13-year-old boys and girls test their skills in a number of land and water sports. Among the equipmet used are buggies, all-terrain vehicles, mini motorcycles, jetskis, mini powerboats and hovercraft. **6.00** Land of Hope. Episode one of a new 10-part drama series from Australia tracing the lives of an Irish-Australian family from the late 1892 to the 1970s. Starring Patrick Dickson, Benjamin Franklin, Penelope Stewart and Maureen Green. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Comment from John Denham on the subject of banks and international debt. Followed by Weather. **8.00** Brookside. Billy helps Tracy financially; Mr McGrath comes to the Grants and is thrown out after insulting Damon; Mona arrives at the Collins' after running away from home; and Gordon and Christopher affirm that they have been faithful to each other while separated. (Oracle) **8.30** 4 What It's Worth. John Stoneborough discovers a major motor manufacturer who appears to be examining some of its cars without letting the public know there may be a problem; Bill Breckon reports on the first Trading Standards office to be closed as a result of local government cuts; and David Stafford has the best buy in grow bags. **9.00** Film: Single Bars, Single Women (1984) starring Tony Danza, Paul Michael Glaser, Shelley Hack and Christine Lahti. A made-for-television comedy drama set in a town's singles bar/disco where lonely people hope to find their life's partner. Directed by Harry Winer. **10.50** Don't Miss Wax. The No No Show — Guilt, Authority and Discipline. Among the guests are Kevin Merchant, a British mercenary, Charles Kray, brother of Ronnie and Reggie, comedian Hugh Laurie and a lady disciplinarian. **11.35** Sumo. The fifth of a series of eight programmes featuring highlights of the Grand September Tournament from the Ryogoku Kokugikan in Tokyo. **12.20am** Running Late. Joining Donald Trelford tonight to discuss the Olympics and drug abuse, are Benny Green, former Olympic Committee member Monique Berlioux, and Dr Adrian Whiteson, advisor to the British Boxing Board of Control. **1.20** The Confessions of Felix Krull: Confidence Man. Episode two of the five-part film version of Thomas Mann's novel and Felix, financially ruined by the suicide of his father, moves with his mother and sister from the Rhineland to Frankfurt where he meets bordello owner, Rosza. Directed by Bernhard Sinkel. Ends at **2.20**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 3.35pm-4.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **9.30** Week In Week Out **10.00** Play on One: Unreported Incident **11.30** Network **12.30am-12.35** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotman **5.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **6.30-6.55** Focus Point NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **11.50-11.55** News and weather ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 SCOTLAND: **8.20pm-9.00** Probing NORTHERN IRELAND: **1.35pm-2.00** Ceefax

ANGLIA As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Anglia News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00** Bygones **7.30** Roxy — The Network Chart Show **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Donahue **12.35am** Prisoner: Cell Block H **1.30** America's Top Ten **2.00** Return to Eden **3.00** Comedy Tonight **3.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **4.00-5.00** Poseidon Files

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Border News **1.30-2.30** The Love Boat **6.00-6.35** Lookaround Tuesday **7.00** Roxy — The Network Chart Show **7.30** Take the High Road **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** Weather

CENTRAL As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Central News **1.30** Crazy Like A Fox **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Central News **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** Film: Captain Apache **2.20** America's Top Ten **2.50** Superstars of Wrestling **3.40** Dimension 2000 **4.35-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88.

CHANNEL As London except: **11.25am-11.30** Daily Diary **12.50pm** Channel News and Weather **1.00** Wish You Were Here...? **1.30** A Country Practice **2.00** Game **2.30** Real People **3.00** What's My Line? **3.25** Puffin's Pla(i)ce **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.12-5.15** Puffin's Pla(i)ce **6.00** Channel Report **6.30** World Money **6.35** Horses for Courses **7.05** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** The Roxy **11.50** Soap **12.20am** Donahue **1.20** Weather, Close.

GRANADA As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Granada Reports **1.30** Love Boat **2.25-2.30** Granada Reports **3.25** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30** Crossroads **7.00** Roxy **7.30** The Cuckoo Waltz **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** Film: Captain Apache **2.20** America's Top Ten **2.50** Sport Action **3.40** The Power Hour **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** HTV News **1.30-2.30** The Love Boat **6.00** HTV News **6.45** Crossroads **7.30** Roxy **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) **11.35** Derrick **12.45am** Weather

TSW As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** TSW News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Man in a Suitcase **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.12** Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30** Tuesday View **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Postscript **11.40** The Twilight Zone **12.35am** Weather, Close.

TVS As London except: **12.50pm** TVS News and Weather **1.00** Wish You Were Here...? **2.00** Game **2.30** Real People **3.00** What's My Line? **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.25** Police 5 **6.35** Horses for Courses **7.05** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Roxy **11.35** Soap **12.10am** Donahue **1.10** Film: The Black Tulip **2.10** Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm** Regional News **12.55-1.00** Lookaround **1.30** The New Squadronaires **2.00-2.30** The Write Stuff **3.00-4.00** Samson Bowls Classic '88 **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-8.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** Children Live From What They Learn **12.35-6.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Ulster Newstime **1.30-2.30** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** Cover Story **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.35** Ask Anne **7.00** Roxy **7.30-8.00** Head Start **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** News

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Calendar News **1.30-2.30** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** A Country Practice **6.00-6.35** Calendar **7.00** Roxy **7.30** In Loving Memory **8.00-9.30** Film: Mutiny on the Buses **11.35** Fight Night **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Close

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Fifteen-to-One **1.00** Open College **2.00** Merton **3.00** Film: Time to Kill **4.10** Pfaisdelam **4.20** Hafoc **5.00** Bewitched **5.30** Superchamps **6.00** Brookside **6.30** The Cosby Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Awyr Iach **8.00** Trilogy for a Man Alone. News headlines **9.00** Bowen A'r Barner **9.50** The Management **10.20** Girls on Top **10.50** Black Forest Clinic **11.40** Sumo **12.25am** Close.



Maurice Roeves (left) and Tim Brierley in the play Unreported Incident, on BBC1, at 9.30pm

The turning of the chat show screw

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Terry Wogan should count himself lucky. The worst thing that has happened to him during his career as a chat show host was Anne Bancroft, who, brought on to plug her new movie, said almost nothing and made it clear that she hated the whole business. Wogan's fictional counterpart in **Unreported Incident** (BBC1, 9.30pm) does not get off so lightly. Played by a Wogan compatriot, T. P. McKenna, he worries about his job. His boss reassures him: "Just so long as they talk *about it in* the pub, you can go on opening supermarkets at four grand a time." Tonight, our man has very special guests — a wheelchair victim paralysed and barely able to talk, and a Geordie ex-corporal who looks after him. "Play it right and it could be another Ethiopia" our genial host is told. But the corporal is not prepared to connive at television's cynicism. During the break he pulls out a gun, empties the studio and demands £6 million and a helicopter. His other demand is that his negotiations and getaway should have live coverage. David Martin's play is, however, not just about the subversion of seamless television in which the nastiness of the real world is carefully kept out of camera shot. The other strand to *Unreported Incident* is the episode in Northern Ireland which led the corporal, then serving in the British Army, to fire four shots into the spine of the man he now takes care of. The full story, revealed only at the very end, gives a different and surprising perspective to what has hitherto seemed little more than a mindless hijack. Martin's barbed dialogue is relished by an impeccable cast in which Maurice Roeves plays the corporal and the always excellent David Calder is the station boss. Praise, too, for Tim Brierley's all too convincing performance as the man in the wheelchair.

Peter Waymark

Tale of two heads

RADIO CHOICE

● On one count alone — the fact that it is the first production of the play since the 17th century — tonight's broadcast of Beaumont's and Fletcher's **The Woman-Hater** (Radio 3, 7.30pm) is something of an occasion. Its other claim on our attention is altogether more bizarre because the play is possibly the first (and probably the last) in which a fishhead and a maidenhead are the principal objects of male appetite. Here is a tale of a virgin (Rachel Wright, very appealing in her first major radio role), a gourmet courtier (Roy Kinnear, adding stature *to his reputation as a serious* actor with every part he plays), and a misogynist (Jack Shepherd, a veteran performer whose versatility is breath-taking). Thanks mainly to this trio, and not to the inherent quality of Philip Ward's adaptation of Beaumont's and Fletcher's overlong play, I found myself warming to *The Woman-Hater*. I am indebted to Allardyce Nicholl's *World Drama* for the information that that the original printer of the text (*circa* 1606) appended a note saying that he thought *The Woman-Hater* was neither comedy nor tragedy. If, by that, he implied that he could not make up his mind about what its intention was, then I salute his honesty because neither can I.

● New ground is also being turned over on Radio 4 at 8.15pm with the phone-in on the subject of the uneasy co-existence of God and Mammon. It follows City solicitor Andrew Phillips's lecture and a studio discussion.

Peter Davalle



Roy Kinnear: The Woman-Hater, on R3, 7.30pm



Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below) **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1) News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Bill Rennells **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A To Z of Jazz. (9) 'D' (concluded), 'E' and 'F' **7.30** Steve Race presents the Radio Orchestra Show, with guest vocalist Colin Anthony, and BBC Radio Strings **9.25** Rosemary Clooney (Dave Gelly salutes a her recording career) **10.00** The Impressionists **10.30** The Law Game **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT. 6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** The Undaimed Promise **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Best on Record **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Capriccio **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** News **11.09** Waveguide **11.25** A Letter From Scotland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Virtuoso **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.08** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** A Letter From Scotland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.00** Haute Alzsuil **6.00** News **6.09** Twenty-Four Hours **6.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.01** Byron Readings **9.10** Turning Over New Leaves **9.15** International Recital **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From America **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Juke Box Jury **11.30** Mind and Music **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibuss **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Chain Reaction **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** The World Today

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Life and death **6.55** Weather, news **7.00** Concert: Beethoven (Coriolan overture: Chicago SO), Liszt (Rigoletto concert paraphrase: Bolet, piano), Mozart (Symphony No 32: ECO under Jeffrey Tate) **7.30** News **7.35** Concert (contd): Brahms (Nänie: Alfreda Hodgson, contralto, with Bavarian Radio SO and Chorus), Schubert (Impromptu in A flat, D 899 No 4: Brendel, piano), Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5: LSO) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: John Ireland. Sonata No 2 (Yfrah Neaman, violin, and Eric Parkin, piano), Songs Sacred and Profane (Benjamin Luxon, with Alan Rowlands, piano), Mal-Dun symphonic rhapsody (LPO) **9.35** Cello and piano: Markus Stocker and Michael Dussek perform Beethoven's Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1; Schumann's Adagio and Allegro, Op 70; and John Barton-Armstrong's Sonata, Op 77 **10.30** John Gardner: BBC Singers perform works including O Sing unto My Roundelay, and Four Wanton Ballads **11.00** Haydn and Mozart: Lillian Kallir (piano) plays Haydn's Sonata in E minor, H XVI 34; and Mozart's Sonata in G, K 283 **11.30** Ulster Orchestra, under Vernon Handley. With Malcolm Binns (piano). Beethoven (Prometheus overture), Brahms (Variations on St Anthony Chorale), Liszt (Prometheus symphonic poem), Stanford (Piano Concerto No 2). News at **1.00** **1.05** Duets from Hohenems: Eva Lind (soprano), Francisco Araiza (tenor), Jean Lemaire (piano). Schubert works including Hermann und Thusnelda; Serima und Selmar; and Mignon under der Hartner); and Cornelius works including Liebesprobe **2.30** The Queen Elisabeth Competition: piano performances in last year's Brussels event. With Liège Philharmonic Orchestra under Pierre Bartholomée. Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 (soloist Akira Wakabayashi), Mozart's Piano Concerto No 15 (soloist Rolf Plagge), and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (soloist Andrei Nikolsky) **4.25** Alberni String Quartet: Nigel Osborne's Lumière, and Beethoven's String Quartet in G, *Op 18 No 2* **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: with Roger Nichols **6.30** Scots Ballads: introduced by John Purser **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: Playwright and poet Tony Harrison talks to Paul Bailey **7.30** The Woman-Hater: Philip Ward's adaptation of the Beaumont-Fletcher play, starring Roy Kinnear and Jack Shepherd. Cast also includes Tim Brierley, Rachel Wright (see Choice) **9.35** International Rostrum of Composers 1987: a performance of Slobodan Atanackovic's Sinfonia enterofonica. With Zagreb Soloists Ensemble, Macadam Rock Group, Masmanta Electronic Ensemble, Belgrade Radio and TV Choir; Pristina Radio and TV Choir; and Ljubljana Radio and TV SO **10.15** Baroque with Recorder: Ross Winters (recorder), Catherine Mackintosh (violin), Mark Caudle (cello), Alan Wilson (harpsichord). Handel's Trio Sonata in F, Op 2 No 4; Telemann's Sonata in D minor, and Ouverture in G minor; and Quantz's Trio Sonata in C **11.00** Composers of the Week: the Italian Violin School. Recordings of works by Francesco Cavalli; G.B. Buonamente, S. Rossi, C. Farini, and B. Marini **11.45** A Musical Postscript: Oscar Shumsky (violin) plays Ysaye's Violin Sonata No 4 in E minor **12.00** News bulletin **12.05** Wolf 88: Benjamin Luxon and David Willison (piano) perform Der Jäger. Ends at **12.10**



Tony Harrison: in Third Ear, Radio 3, 7.05pm

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00** and **8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather, Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Call Kate Adie: the number to dial is 01-580 4411 **10.00** News; Medicine Now: presented by Geoff Watts **10.30** Morning Story: Cooking Ben Evans's Goose, by Barbara Hewson. The reader is Olwen Rees **10.45** Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 1 **11.00** News; Travel: Citizens. (the first of this week's two episodes of In the Heat of the Night) **11.25** From Our Own Correspondent: reports by BBC reporters based overseas **11.50** Nine Encounters in Australia: Sol Encel, Professor of Sociology at the University of New South Wales talks about the surviving British/European heritage and culture in Australia. With Daniel Snowman **12.00** News; You and Yours, with Susan Rae **12.25** My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray. Includes an interview with the American folk singer Joan Baez **3.00** News: Getting It Together: Comedy about a man and woman who get "writer's block". Written by Owen Holder with members of the BBC Radio Drama Company (s) **3.32** Comparing Notes: Richard Baker in conversation with percussionists Michael Frye and Evelyn Glennie **4.00** News bulletin **4.05** The Local Network: Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with local Radio stations around the country to meet football-pools winners and discover the effects of their wins **4.30** Kaleidoscope: another chance to hear last night's edition, which included comment on the new Bertolucci film The Last Emperor, and Michael Dorris's book A Yellow Raft in Blue Water (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** King Street Junior by Jim Eldridge, starring Karl Howman and James Grout (as the headmaster) (r) (s) **7.00** News bulletin **7.05** The Archers **7.20** File on 4: Max Easterman reports on major issues at home and abroad **8.00** God's Acre: Wilfred De'Ath paints a picture on life in the village of Corby Glen, Lincolnshire, in February **8.15** The Hibbert Lecture: Libby Purves introduces this year's lecture by City solicitor Andrew Phillips on our love of money and our claim to adhere to Christian values. Listeners can ring in with views and questions on 01-580 4411 (from 7.30pm) (see Choice) **9.15** In Touch: magazine for the visually handicapped **9.45** Kaleidoscope: With Christopher Bigsby. Tonight's items include the Aldo Rossi exhibition at the Royal Institution of British Architects; and the Berlin Film Festival **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man, by Thomas Mann (12 of 16). Read by Hywel Bennett **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight: with Alexander Macleod **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** History Lost and Found **2.25** Mainstream GCSE (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Introduction to Calculus **11.50** Technology: Dome Sweet Home **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time. Urdu Boliyel (Spoken Urdu)

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Blockade at Land-Rover as 6,000 go on strike

By Craig Seton

The strike at Land-Rover began in earnest yesterday when hundreds of assembly workers joined official pickets in blockading the state-owned company's plant at Solihull for several hours.

Union leaders claimed that the strike, which began officially at midnight, was solid among the 6,000 manual workers who had rejected a pay offer that management said was worth 14 per cent over two years.

The company estimated that the strike will cost£3 million a day in lost sales and reiterated that its offer was final.

Early yesterday, huge queues of traffic built up around the factory as many of the 2,000 white-collar workers arriving for work had to inch their way through a gauntlet of pickets and striking workers.

Although some striking workers thumped the side panels of a number of vehicles entering the main gate in Lode Lane, they were eventually allowed through. No trouble was reported.

The striking workers cheered loudly when Mr Tony Gilroy, the company's managing director, sped away after he was seen waiting in his blue Range Rover in a queue of traffic about the enter the plant.

Half a dozen policemen tried to speed up traffic waiting to enter the main gates as a uniformed inspector goodhumouredly told picket organizers that if they insisted on stopping every car "we will be here all day".

While the mood was lighthearted, the striking workers insisted on their determination to force the management into an improved pay offer. They claimed the management's two-year offer was worth not much more than 8 per cent.

One striking assembly line worker said: "We have behaved ourselves for seven years and flogged our guts out. What the company is offering is worth only 8 per cent on basic rates."

Another manual worker said he was not worried that the Government might not

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"bail out" the company if the strike led it into financial difficulties.

"If the Government does not want to give us backing, why did not they sell us to General Motors when they had the chance?"

Mr Stan Hill, union convener in the body and assembly shop, said on the picket line: "We hope we do not have a long dispute. We are prepared to negotiate. We negotiated for 12 hours last Thursday, but it was the company who broke off the talks."

The company said yesterday that no more talks were planned

● The biggest impact of the Land-Rover strike among the company's component suppliers will be felt by Thompson's Industries of Wolverhampton, which supplies chassis for the Range Rover model (John Spicer writes).

Thompson's fear that if the strike goes on beyond the end of the week it will have to start laying off up to half of its 450 workers.

Surfing team with high hopes



The first English team to enter the world surf life-saving championships, practises in 6ft waves off the Cornish coast. Perranporth Surf Life-Saving Club members can be expect rollers more than twice the height when they send 12 competitors, four of them women, to compete at Surfer's Paradise, near Brisbane, Australia, next month. The surf-boats are designed to skim the waves, like a surfboard and are of wood or glass fibre, splayed at the bow to deflect water for speed and lift. Buoyancy tanks are attached at each end. Mr Alan Holmes, club president said: "It's a dream come true. We have talked about competing for years."

(Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Commons sketch

Nothing out of ten for report

Mr Harry Greenway, a deputy headmaster until 1979, and now the Conservative MP for Ealing North, regularly allows members the opportunity to imagine what life might have been like as his pupil. "Thoroughly immature" is his favoured type of put-down.

How he must miss the days when such brutal sarcasm could be accompanied by a tweak of the victim's ear or a tug at his hair. Alas, in the Commons chamber, the miscreants are too far away for physical censure. Mr Greenway is renowned for wearing overlong neckties, but his arms are of a more or less conventional length. This means that if he wished to deliver a complete wigging to a little nuisance on the benches opposite, he would have to remove his tie and crack it, whip-like, across the chamber.

So far, he has not attempted this method. He is obviously wary of the rebuffs he might suffer from the moustachioed members on his own side, with their propensity to explode at the sight of an open neck in the Palace of Westminster.

Yesterday Mr Greenway was wearing his tie peculiarly short. This may have been as a result of clamour from the more fashion-conscious sectors of the Press Gallery, or perhaps it was due to foreknowledge that his intended victim was miles away. He wished to know when the Attorney General would reach a decision on whether to prosecute Mr John Stalker under the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Stalker was, he said, "thoroughly immature". He had told "a tissue of lies" and the public should treat him with — yes — "the contempt he deserves". Observers feared that he might follow this through by declaring that he would keep the whole House in until anyone who did not agree with him had owned up.

The Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, appeared as the chairman of the school governors, joining the riff-raff in the staff room for a few words before keeping some more urgent appointment. His manner suggests one well-used to mouthing a few apposite words prior to distributing the cups at a prize-giving. "My honourable friend" he assured the jumpy little man behind him, "speaks with characteristic robustness". Yes, indeed, "the Government naturally deplores any breach of confidence".

Mr Patrick Cormack (Cons, Staffordshire South) asked whether the Stalker book was a tissue or lies or a breach of confidence. "Surely it can't be both" he suggested. The Attorney General couldn't see why not. Some boys can be a bit too clever, his tone implied.

Up loomed Mr Tam Dalyell. He wished to know the cost of the Attorney General's actions against various publications in relation to Mr Anthony Cavendish's memoirs. "One hundred and fifty seven pounds" came the reply. Legally-minded observers suspected that his tongue had slipped over a few zeroes, for even a smile from the Attorney General comes rather more expensive than that.

Mr Graham Allen (Lab, Nottingham North) wished to clear up this matter about the plots against Lord Wilson of Rievaulx. "There was no conspiracy against Lord Wilson" enunciated the Attorney General crisply. But Mr Allen wished him to "stop his inactivity in this matter" and said that he was "acting as backstop to the Conservative Cabinet". Such impoliteness from a member of staff found the chairman of the governors at his most frosty.

"I don't go along with what the honourable gentleman has said in that regard at all" he intoned testily. But Mr Richard Shepherd, who is beginning to show disturbing signs of normality, signs that may well hinder his future career in politics, was not satisfied. Calling for an independent inquiry, he declared that Government stood to uphold institutions and not to undermine them.

In reply, the Attorney General brought out his most highly polished vowels and presented them to Mr Shepherd as a consolation prize. "The Prime Minister hes alreadeh dealt with this metter vereh fulleh and to the setisfection of the House" he said.

Craig Brown

Top controllers to curb air traffic over Britain

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supervisors to contact airlines and other air traffic controllers in Europe without having to rely on the existing outdated and cluttered telephone line.

The new plans will mean long delays for millions of air passengers who could be told at the last moment that British air space is too busy to accept their flight.

The new proposals also aim to spread the number of flights over a longer period to prevent indivudal controllers being overloaded.

For example, at Clacton, the number of flights willbe limited to 24 an hour and, although this is the same number as were handled throughout last summer, there is expected to be an increase of at least 15 per cent in the number of aircraft wanting to fly through the sector at peak times this summer. Now they will be held back.

The investigation into Sunday's incident got underway yesterday as investigators from the Joint Airmiss Working Group gathered tapes and radar details to work out just how near the aircraft came to each other.

The pilot of the Pan Am jet believes he first saw the B-Cal aircraft at around two miles after being cleared to descend towards 16,000ft on his approach to Heathrow. He has filed a report saying that he had dropped to 24,500ft on a heading of 270 degrees when he was suddenly told to stay at 26,000ft.

As he saw the B-Cal aircraft he was told to turn sharp left onto a heading of 200 degrees and moved behind and slightly beneath the B-Cal jet.

The B-Cal captain says that he was already flying straight and level on a heading of 050 at 25,000ft when he saw the Pan Am jet "approximately one nautical mile away at the same level and on a converging course".

Soon afterwards, the Pan Am aircraft turned to the left and passed out of sight behind him.

The CAA said that although the vertical separation between the two was 800ft the horizontal distance was greater, butit is also clear that had there not been such good visibility with clear blue skies allowing both crews to see more than 30 miles, the danger could have been greater.

However, the CAA is apparently furious that air miss reports are now being leaked through the press. It argues that there were far more near misses 10 years ago when no one seemed to bother about them, but the figures are, at best, confusing.

Mao trap for US

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Gorbachov condemned Stalin's terror in a speech.

Mr Gromyko says Stalin was an exceptional negotiator. "I don't remember an instance when Stalin didn't fully understand what his partners at a conference were saying."

"His attention and memory, to use a comparison from today, seemed like a computer. He didn't miss a thing. During the conference at Yalta, I perhaps more clearly than at any time before understood what exceptional qualities this man possessed."

Apparently simultaneously attracted and repelled by American culture, Mr Gromyko describes encounters with Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra and other stars. He recalls Monroe's "special and indescribable attractiveness". Speculating about her death, he wonders whether she was punished for alleged communist sympathies.

Stalker memoirs are a 'breach of confidence'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr John Stalker, who disclosed details of his inquiry into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland, was yesterday accused by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, of a "breach of confidence".

Sir Patrick Mayhew criticized in the Commons the former deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester for including details of alleged MI5 and Royal Ulster Constabulary surveillance operations in his memoirs, *Stalker*.

Mr Merlyn Rees MP, a former Labour Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, also criticized Mr Stalker, for breaching the Official Secrets Act. Mr Rees said it was worrying that details of the inquiry had allegedly been passed to a journalist while it was in progress.

Last month extracts from conversations Mr Stalker had with the editor of the Manchester Evening News in 1985 and 1986 about his investigation.

The Government has said it will not prosecute Mr Stalker. Making the first public criticism by the Government of Mr Stalker, Sir Patrick told MPs: "The Government naturally deplores any breach of confidence".

Sir Patrick promised to pass on to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Home Secretary a demand from Mr Rees that senior policemen sent to investigate other forces should be given instructions as to how they carry out their inquiries.

His remarks came a few hours before Sir John Hermon, in a BBC Northern Ireland programme, challenged the ability of Mr Stalker to carry out the delicate inquiry.

Stalker book signing, page 2
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Shultz lifts treaty hopes

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tions on arms control during his press conference, he acknowledged that both in his talks with Mr Gorbachov — which lasted four hours — and at other meetings the dominant topic had been regional conflicts.

American observers said that Mr Shultz appeared much more confident that the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan would take place than before his arrival in Moscow on Sunday.

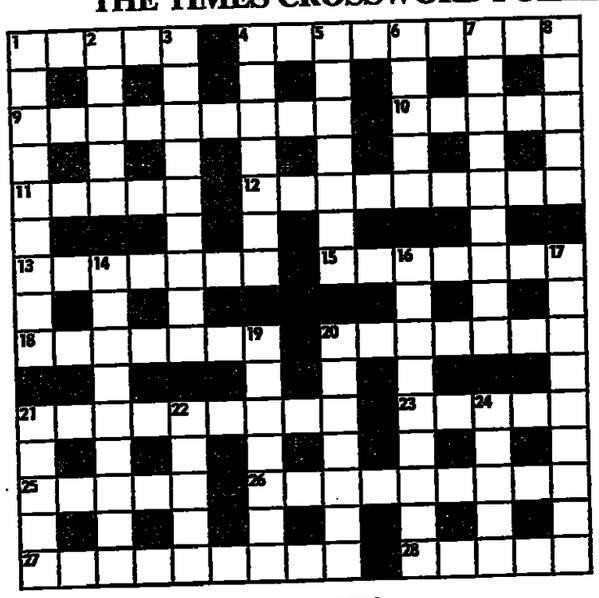
On human rights, Mr Shultz said that an agreement had been secured for the first of four separate meetings.

He also claimed to have secured a pledge from Mr Shevardnadze that the Soviet Union will show flexibility on the clause in its new laws requiring would-be émigrés to have an invitation from a "first-degree relative" before being permitted to leave.

In a separate development, the Soviet Union announced that as a "display of goodwill" it will begin withdrawing missiles covered by the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty from East Germany and Czechoslovakia this month, before the treaty scrapping them is ratified.

Geneva talks stall, page 7

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,599



ACROSS

1 Shine as point in county side (5).
4 Raising the view of one side (9).
9 Cricket side is behind the clock — make a ruling (9).
10 "—'s nursling, Venice" (Shelley) (5).
11 Ancient Britons who discovered diamonds and nickel (5).
12 Advances by stages, keeping the amphibian within bounds (9).
13 It's bound to give youth adventure training, that's apparent (7).
15 Marker's in the list as an aircraft designer (7).
18 Edits an unorthodox substitute (7).
20 Badgered girl to ring the old number (7).
21 Low newshawks indeed (9).
23 Found English class (5).
25 Part of the Kalahari, perhaps, is more developed (5).
26 Comprehensive covering a large area (9).
27 A joiner for a wartime organisation in the middle of America (9).
28 Girl not disheartened in horse-riding contest (5).

Concise crossword, page 11

DOWN

1 French gendarmes both fail to end the scene of fighting (9).
2 Military standard flying from 22 *dn* (5).
3 Grind up one's cat meat for cooking (9).
4 Authorised third man, say, to come inside the boundary (7).
5 Inspect the inlet for rubbish (7).
6 Cold dessert served up after a starter (5).
7 It's chill on this Roman island for a game (3-6).
8 Nobody's without love at this time (5).
14 Examine treatise on litmus, for instance (4,5).
16 Simplicity the court assumes initially (9).
17 Blockage caused by house attendants at opening of theatre (9).
19 Course leading to a point in the Gobi, say (7).
20 One who checks "The Listener"? (7).
21 Detectives turn up about gold order in ... (5).
22 ... weird-sounding high place (5).
24 River horse (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TIDDLEY
a. Very smart
b. Very drunk
c. A sailor's dance

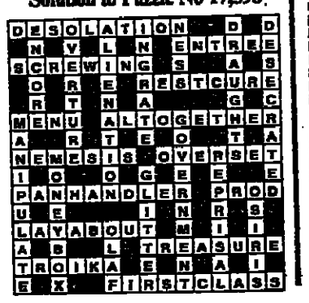
REBEC
a. A medieval mandolin
b. A radar system
c. A demolisher of toll-gates

SKRAELING
a. The sound of bagpipes
b. Undernourished heather
c. Vikings' name for Eskimos

NASEBERRY
a. A nasal polyp
b. The sapodilla tree
c. A Civil War battle

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,598



WEATHER

After rather cloudy weather with the odd shower in South-west England, all areas will have a pleasantly bright day although it will feel cold in the brisk northerly wind. Many inland areas will stay dry with a lot of sunshine, but near north-facing coasts, showers of hail, sleet or snow will fall. Late in the day some showers will also spread across East Anglia. Outlook: staying cold and turning rather cloudy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Madrid	10	50	c
Akrotiri	11	52	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Alex'dria	73	163	r	Malaga	15	59	c
Algiers	16	61	s	Malta	15	59	f
Athens	7	45	f	Melb'rne	22	72	s*
Bahrain	19	66	f	Miami*	24	57	r
Barbados*	28	84	f	Montreal*	-19	-2	s
Berlin	6	43	c	Moscow	-7	19	s
Bermuda*	22	72	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Biarritz	17	63	s	Naples	11	52	s
B Aires*	33	91	s	N Delhi	23	73	s
Cairo	17	63	c	N York*	-3	27	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Nice	13	55	s
C'blanca	20	68	f	Peking	6	43	s
Chicago*	-6	21	s	Perth	34	93	s
Ch'church	22	72	f	Rhodes	11	52	s
Cologne	7	45	c	Rio de J	24	75	f
Corfu	11	52	s	Riyadh	28	79	f
Dublin	6	43	c	Rome	13	55	f
Dubrovnik	8	46	s	S Prisco*	12	54	s
Faro	15	59	c	Santiago*	29	84	s
Florence	9	48	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Funchal	17	63	f	Seoul	7	45	c
Geneva	5	41	s	Sing'por	31	88	s
Gibraltar	13	55	r	Sydney	29	82	s
Helsinki	-10	14	f	Tangier	15	59	c
Hong K	18	64	c	Tel Aviv	13	55	c
Innsbruck	4	39	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Istanbul	1	34	f	Tokyo	7	45	s
Jeddah	27	81	c	Toronto*	-11	12	sn
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Tunis	16	61	f
Karachi	28	82	f	Valencia	13	55	c
L Palmas	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	f
Le Toquet	5	41	c	Venice	6	43	f
Lisbon	14	57	c	Vienna	6	43	s
Locarno	8	46	s	Wash'ton*	-1	30	s
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wel'ton	16	61	f
Luxemby	5	41	f	Zurich	4	39	c

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.8	-	9	48	bright
Hunstanton	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.3	-	9	48	bright
Southend	0.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	9	48	dull
Worthing	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Shoreham	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanbourne	-	-	9	48	dull
Bournemth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	0.1	-	9	48	bright
Weymouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Exmouth	-	-	9	48	dull
Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Torquay	0.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Penzance	3.7	-	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	0.9	-	10	50	bright
Newquay	1.9	-	10	50	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	dull
Minehead	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Morecambe	6.6	-	8	46	sunny
Douglas	-	-	10	50	sunny
Carlisle	5.0	-	10	50	sunny
Nottingham	0.1	-	9	48	bright
Anglesey	1.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.7	.01	9	48	shower
Aviemore	1.8	.02	7	45	shower
Kinloss	1.7	.02	9	48	shower
Lerwick	5.8	.19	7	45	shower
Prestwick	6.2	.01	10	50	sunny
Tiree	2.5	-	9	48	bright
Wick	5.2	.05	8	46	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Sunday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.29	7.1	6.03	6.7
Aberdeen	5.12	3.7	5.25	4.0
Avonmouth	11.02	12.5	11.16	11.8
Belfast	2.51	3.3	3.14	3.4
Cardiff	10.47	11.6	11.01	10.9
Devonport	9.42	5.2	10.03	4.9
Dover	2.38	6.5	3.04	6.0
Falmouth	9.12	5.0	9.33	4.7
Glasgow	4.24	4.8	4.46	4.9
Harwich	3.22	4.0	3.55	3.6
Holyhead	1.55	5.1	2.16	5.2
Hull	10.06	6.8	10.21	7.2
Ilfracombe	9.49	8.5	10.00	7.9
Leith	6.36	5.1	6.55	5.2
Liverpool	2.49	8.7	3.10	8.8
Lowestoft	12.50	2.5	1.40	2.0
Margate	3.32	4.8	4.10	4.8
Milford Haven	10.06	6.6	10.21	6.1
Newquay	9.01	6.5	9.17	6.1
Oban	9.27	3.5	9.22	3.3
Penzance	8.53	5.3	9.15	4.9
Portland	10.33	1.9	10.44	1.7
Portsmouth	3.12	4.6	3.27	4.5
Shoreham	2.45	6.1	3.07	5.7
Southampton	2.57	4.4	2.55	4.2
Swansea	10.07	8.9	10.21	8.4
Tees	7.28	4.8	7.51	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	3.17	4.2	3.50	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

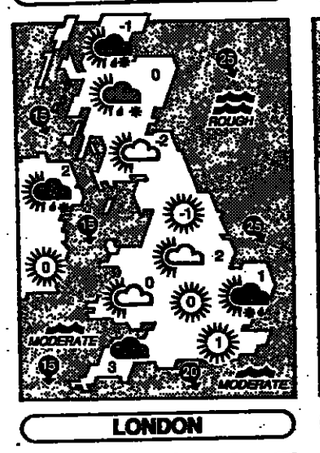
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.557	2.567
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.95	61.75
Canada $	2.33	2.21
Denmark Kr	11.89	11.29
Finland Mrk	7.57	7.17
France Fr	10.46	9.96
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	253	233
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.169	1.109
Italy Lira	2280	2170
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.475	3.305
Norway Kr	11.74	11.14
Portugal Esc	251	238
South Africa Rd	3.55	3.45
Spain Pta	208.25	197.25
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.50
Switzerland Fr	2.532	2.412
USA $	1.84	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	2900	2200

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

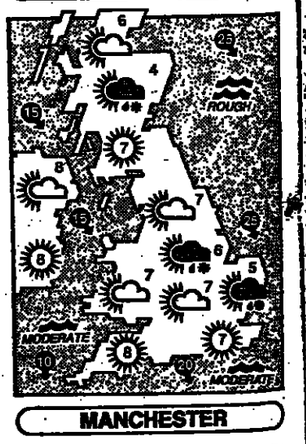
Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* index closed up 13.7 at 1398.1.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.59 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 6.09 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 6.03 pm to 6.49 am
Manchester 5.04 pm to 6.40 am
Penzance 6.23 pm to 6.47 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Larwick, Shetland, 0.2in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 8.2hr.

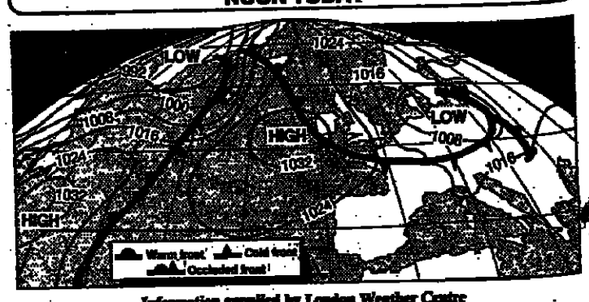
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Ballast	7	45	c	Guernsey	8	46	s
B'mingham	7	45	c	Inverness	6	43	s
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	9	48	s
Bristol	7	45	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	7	45	c	M'chester	7	45	c
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	8	46	f
Glasgow	8	46	r	N'ireland	8	46	c

Sun rises: 7.00 am Sun sets: 5.28 pm
Moon sets 12.31 am Moon rises 8.55 am
First Quarter tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1396.3 (+13.7)

FT-SE 100
1747.2 (+17.4)

Bargains
24151 (26331)

USM (Datastream)
145.81 (+0.53)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7630 (+0.0120)

W German mark
2.9892 (+0.0029)

Trade-weighted
74.5 (+0.2)

Purchases promised by Scholes

George H Scholes, the Wylex fusebox and circuit breaker group, which fought off a £70 million bid from Delta last year, has lifted profits for the half-year to end-December from £2.79 million to £3.30 million.Shareholders collect a 5.5p interim dividend.

Accompanying the figures is news of the group's first acquisition since the Delta bid — £9 million paid for the wiring and lighting business H&L Appleby.

Scholes' chairman and chief executive, Mr Reg Harrington, promises more acquisitions. "We need to diversify," he says.

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Pub shareout

Grand Metropolitan yesterday confirmed the sale of 701 of its pubs for £80 million. Mr George Walker's leisure group, Brent Walker, is buying 386 in London, the Home Counties and East Anglia; Heron International, Mr Gerald Ronson's privately-owned group, is taking over 210 in the North and the Midlands; and 105 in the south west are going to Gibbs Mew.

FII higher

FII Group, Britain's second largest footwear manufacturer, reports pretax profits up from £3 million to £3.2 million in the six months to end-November, due to the inclusion of Lotus, acquired in August, for a full half-year. An interim dividend of 3.25p (3p) was declared.Tempus, page 24

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2021.05 (+6.46)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	24846.71 (+73.30)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2343.17 (+19.13)
Amsterdam: Gen	229.7 (+0.7)
Sydney: AO	1251.0 (+8.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1384.8 (+15.3)
Brussels:	
General	4523.9 (+13.2)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	443.6 (–2.6)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	897.74 (+8.5)
FT-"500"	988.03 (+10.26)
FT: Gold Mines	263.5 (–3.8)
FT: Fixed interest	95.58 (+0.25)
FT: Govt Secs	89.46 (–0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Schroders	925p (+25p)
Amec	350p (+12p)
Blue Circle	432½p (+10p)
Breedon	202p (+12p)
Persimmon	154p (+15p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	715p (+120p)
M & G	331½p (+28p)
Gresham House	425p (+25p)
Wellcome	454p (+19p)
Pearson	694p (+12p)
Cable & Wireless	357p (+15p)
General Accident	839p (+14p)
Hillsdown	287p (+10p)
Tate & Lyle	818p (+15p)
Rank Organisation	635p (+13½p)
MEPC	485p (+13p)
Brent Walker	332½p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Church	430p (–20p)
J Menzies	364½p (–12p)
Int Thomson	515p (–10p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9¼-9⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 8²⁹/₃₂-8²⁷/₃₂%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¹¹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.66-5.65%*
30-year bonds 104⁷/₃₂-104⅝*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7630	£: $1.7645*
£: DM2.9892	$: DM1.6950*
£: SwFr2.4515	$: SwFr1.3905*
£: FFr10.1073	$: FFr5.7345*
£: Yen227.98	$: Yen129.23*
£: Index74.5	$: Index95.0
ECU £0.691145	SDR £0.772957

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $445.10 pm-$445.50
close $446.00-446.50 (£253.00-253.50)
New York:
Comex $446.10-446.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) ..... pm $15.80 bbl
* Denotes latest trading price

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Mixed verdict as M&S and Tesco do an out-of-town shop

By Cliff Feltham

Tesco and Marks and Spencer open their £32 million superstore at Broxbourne in Hertfordshire today.

The Brookfield Centre, a joint venture between the two High Street giants, is the first out-of-town development for Marks and Spencer, although Tesco has a third of its 380 stores outside urban centres.

Analysts who were given a preview yesterday came away more impressed with the Tesco arrangements. Mr John Dickinson of Chase Manhattan, the securities house, said: "The Tesco layout was fantastic.

Mr Peter Jones of Shearson Lehman, the US securities house, said: "There were no surprises in the Tesco store but that does not mean it was no less impressive. But the Marks and Spencer store was also good. It was one of the best displays of furniture I have seen."

Miss Aine Kelly from Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, said: "I was most impressed with Tesco. I am not sure about the Marks and Spencer furniture range. It was pricey and I think people might prefer to buy from a specialist store."



Shared shopping: Tesco chairman Ian Maclaurin, (fourth from left) with Tesco and M&S directors at the store yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Top men go at NatWest arm

County expected to show loss of £50m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

County NatWest, the troubled securities and investment banking arm of National Westminster Bank, was shaken yesterday by the resignation of its chairman, Mr Charles Villiers, and Mr Jonathan Cohen, the chief executive.

Mr Terry Green, NatWest's deputy group chief executive is temporarily taking over as head of County.

Earlier County dismissed two more dealers and withdrew from market-making in North American stocks in the first stage of a review of international operations which is expected to result in about 20 redundancies.

Announcement of the top-level departures comes just before NatWest group results for 1987, due to be published today, in which County is expected to show a loss of more than £50 million.

Mr Villiers and Mr Cohen resigned after discussions with their colleagues, NatWest said. Mr Cohen was the third chief executive at County in the last three years. Both he and Mr Villiers had been at County in various roles since the early 1970s.

Their position had become increasingly precarious following a massive £70 million loss in the stock market crash and a string of revelations about lack of proper controls in parts of the group's operations. At least four employees in the traded options department were dismissed last year after losses amounting to about £4 million by several clients, leading to an inquiry into County's management controls by the options committee of the Stock Exchange.

County has also attracted adverse publicity over the dismissal of more than 160 people as part of its merger with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker.

NatWest insisted that the resignations were not the result of the Stock Exchange's investigation into County's options business or an alleged investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Tom Frost, chief executive of NatWest, said that NatWest remained heavily committed to its investment banking and securities operations despite the setbacks. "Progress will continue at NatWest Investment Bank which is an important part of our group's growth strategy." NWIB is the holding company for County NatWest operations.

There was speculation yesterday that Mr John Chiene, who was head of WoodMac and is now chairman of County Securities, may be in the running to become the new chief executive of the County NatWest group.

Meanwhile, Mr Peter Dale, deputy chief executive, said County had withdrawn from market-making in North American securities because it was too labour-intensive and uneconomic.

The North American market-making service was used mainly by other stockbrokers who put in only small orders. The complication of settling deals and transferring share certificates from the US to London made the service particularly expensive and complex to operate.

Four dealers were involved, two of whom are being found other jobs at County. The group will, however, continue to trade in North American securities on an agency basis with institutions.

French threaten Pearson news bid

By Our City Staff

The French finance ministry is reserving the right to block the purchase of *Les Echos* the financial daily, by Pearson, the publisher of the *Financial Times*, citing doubts over Pearson's status as a European Economic Community firm.

The management at *Les Echos* immediately accused M Eduard Balladur, the finance minister, of delaying an official announcement vetoing the takeover until after the French presidential election in April.

The News Corporation, which is based in Australia, and of which Mr Rupert Murdoch, now a naturalized American, is chief executive, owns a 20.5 per cent stake Pearson. The News Corporation is the parent company of News International, which owns *The Times*.

Pearson last night put out a statement that it had been informed by the French authorities that they did not accept that Pearson is a European-owned company. Lord Blakenham, the chairman of Pearson, said last night:

"I regret M Balladur's decision to delay approval of Pearson's merger with *Les Echos*. The delay can only damage the interests of *Les Echos*. His ruling appears to conflict with the provisions of articles 52 to 58 of the Treaty of Rome.

"Pearson is an EEC company. Over 70 per cent of Pearson shares are owned by EEC nationals. I welcome the determination of Mme JacquelineBeytout (owner-publisher of *Les Echos)* and the *Les Echos* management to pursue the merger of our two companies; and I welcome the confidence in Pearson management expressed today by the journalists of *Les Echos*."I shall be consulting our legal advisers."

The ministry, in a statement which avoided naming Mr Murdoch, said the law gave it the right to block bids by foreign companies if it was not satisfied that they were European Community enterprises.

Mr Murdoch raised his shareholding last month after Pearson, in the first full takeover of a French newspaper by a foreigner, agreed to buy *Les Echos* for an estimated $150 million (£85.71 million) in Pearson shares and cash.

Vickers jumps to surprise £62.6m

By Colin Campbell

Vickers, the diversified engineering group, has topped City expectations with 1987 pretax profits of £62.6 million compared with £54 million earned a year earlier on a 14 per cent increase in turnover to £788.3 million.

During the 12 months to end December the group, whose products include Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars, sold 2,784 luxury models, compared with 2,603 in 1986.

Vickers' shares rose 10½p to 167p helped by a higher final dividend up from 3.6p to 4p a share, making a year's payment of 6.7p (6p).

Sir David Plastow, chairman, said: "I remain confident that, despite some international economic uncertainty, our strong portfolio of businesses will provide further opportunities for earnings growth in 1988."

Vickers has brought the gearing level down from 33 per cent to 28 per cent.

Sir David said 54 people had expressed interest in Comforto Vickers, the office furniture operations, which last year saw its profits contribution ease from £6.4 million to £5.1 million.

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars contributed £22 million to group operating profit compared with £17.5 million, from a turnover of £186.2 million (£175.1 million). The group's lithographic plates subsidiary Howson-Algraphy made £18.7 million operating profit (£17.5 million), while defence and aerospace activities brought in £12.7 million (£9.2 million).

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Brussels queries B-Cal takeover

By Colin Narbrough

British Airways' dominant position came under fire on three fronts yesterday, with protests from the Scandinavian governments, the US Senate and news that the EEC Commission was seriously scrutinizing BA's takeover of British Caledonian.

Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Commissioner for Competition, said in London a report was under way on possible anti-competitive effects of the tie-up.

Both BA and the Government played down Brussels' agreement last year to investigate the case, questioning its ability to intervene. It now appears Britain is taking the Commission seriously.

The Government last year gave BA the go-ahead to take over B-Cal after a deal with the Monopolies Commission. A bid battle with Scandinavian Airlines System ended in a BA victory.

The governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark — which jointly own half of SAS — want urgent talks with the Department of Transport to secure "equal and fair" treatment for their airlines on routes to and from Britain. Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, has agreed.

Angered by SAS's failure to obtain key landing slots in London, the Scandinavians demand full reciprocity with Britain on access to each other's air transport markets.

In a letter to Mr Channon, Mr Sven Hultesträm, his Swedish counterpart, said the situation could escalate, with "unfortunate, long-term consequences". He said slots were only one issue. Reciprocity was more fundamental.

Mr Sutherland said Brussels could not allow the "abuse of a dominant position in the market by a large and powerful undertaking".

In Washington, Senator Lloyd Bentsen urged the US Transport Department to examine BA's alleged unfair practices against US rivals.

Drexel 'may face lawsuit'

By Our Banking Correspondent

Drexel Burnham Lambert, the New York investment house and specialist in junk bonds, yesterday revealed that it could be the subject of a legal action by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US securities markets watchdog.

Despite persistent speculation, neither the SEC nor Drexel has publicly admitted so far that a lawsuit was under consideration.

Tucked into a routine prospectus for the launch of a new, high-yield bond fund — the technical name for junk bonds — Drexel said: "The staff of the SEC intends to recommend that the SEC bring a civil injunctive action against Drexel Burnham Lambert and several of its key employees relating to transactions, some of which may have involved high-yield bonds."

The prospectus added that Drexel and the employees involved had made a submission to the SEC, countering the recommendation of legal action. The SEC has so far made no decision as to how to proceed.

The matter relates to subpoenas issued to Drexel employees in connection with a grand jury investigation being conducted by the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Volcker call for higher taxes

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Mr Paul Volcker, former chairman of the US Federal Reserve, gave a warning yesterday that there would be further spasms on Wall Street and that markets would force interest rates higher unless the United States sharply reduced its budget deficit.

He said US borrowing at near $150 billion a year carried the seeds of its own destruction because overseas investors would lose confidence.

Mr Volcker urged higher taxes on energy, alcohol and tobacco because only tax increases would make a big impact on borrowing.

The speech is a sharp riposte to President Reagan's 1989 budget proposals, which contained no significant increases in personal or consumption taxes.

The new budget is aimed to cut the deficit from a little-changed $147 billion expected in the year to October 1988 to less than $130 billion in 1989.

The bipartisan Congressional Budget Office, however, forecast that the 1989 deficit could be as high as $170 billion because it projects lower economic growth and higher interest rates than the White House.

In the wake of the budget proposals, the dollar suddenly fell against other leading currencies yesterday after a quiet start to trading.

It dropped through the psychologically important level of DM1.70 to DM 1.6960, down one pfennig. The dollar fell 1.5 cents against sterling to $1.7635 and by Y0.6 to Y129.35.

Foreign exchange markets are also waiting for revised figures for US output in the last three months of 1987, due on Thursday. Early estimates indicated a slowing of growth.

Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, is expected to confirm growth targets of between 5 and 8 per cent for money supply in a report to Congress today.

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ALBRIGHT & WILSON

1987 RESULTS

	1987 £m	1986 £m
Sales	650.2	651.7
Trading profit	46.6	45.6
Capital expenditure	33.9	32.6
Net capital employed	258.7	289.4
Return on capital	17.0%	15.8%
Return on sales	7.2%	7.0%

The above figures and the notes below relate to the Group managed by Albright & Wilson including companies owned directly by Tenneco

☐ A record profit was achieved in 1987 despite incurring reorganisation costs in the UK of £3.5 million

☐ Profits in Europe (including the UK) improved by one-third to £29 million, before reorganisation costs, but were £3 million lower in the Americas where margins were squeezed

☐ Sales volumes were up 7% in Europe, but the weak dollar reduced the sterling value of North American sales and contributed to lower selling prices in Europe.

☐ Exports from the UK were £116 million, representing 40% of sales of UK origin.

☐ An important new plant for purifying phosphoric acid was commissioned in the UK and a joint venture in the USA with Texasgulf Inc. for purified phosphoric acid was announced.

☐ An ethoxylation plant in Singapore, jointly owned with an ASEAN partner, was commissioned

During 1987, a restructuring of operations was completed, to give sharper strategic direction and a shorter chain of command. There are now four main groupings:

Europe:
comprising three Business Groups - Detergents, Phosphates and Resins & Organics - with the European headquarters at Warley, Birmingham

Americas:
combining all operations in the USA and Canada, with headquarters in Toronto and a corporate office in Richmond, Virginia

Asia:
covering manufacturing companies in Singapore and Malaysia, offices in Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan and jointly-owned companies in the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, with headquarters in Singapore

Australasia:
comprising manufacturing operations in Australia and a selling company in New Zealand, directed from Melbourne

The Group Head Office remains in London.

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Stake in company steers former chauffeur to tax haven

NFC driver's shortcut to riches

By Joe Joseph

While 4,000 employee shareholders of Britain's biggest transport and distribution group swirled through Blackpool's Winter Gardens on Sunday after holding their annual meeting, Mick Rouse, aged 43 and recently retired as one of the company's chauffeurs, was rushing to catch a flight home to the Isle of Man.

It may lack the Bougainvillaea of Bermuda or the cachet of the Cayman Islands, but Douglas, the Manx capital, offers a climate that warms anyone with more cash than will fit comfortably under the mattress.

As one of the founder shareholders who bought a stake in the now flourishing National Freight Consortium in 1982, when Downing Street gladly rid itself of what was then a loss-making millstone, Mr Rouse decided last September that his mattress was getting too lumpy. Every £1 he invested when the workers first took control of the Pickfords and Lynx Express group is now worth £56.

So he telephoned his accountant, sold his house at Luton, Bedfordshire, and took himself, his family and his portfolio of rapidly appreciating NFC shares off to the famous tax haven.

Mr Rouse, like Getty and Rockefeller before him, says reports of his wealth are overblown. He thinks his shareholding in NFC — whose employee-owners decided on Sunday to tap the success they have made of the group by floating it on the Stock Exchange — is worth only £140,000 or £150,000.

Estimates among his former bosses put the windfall at least one-third higher. Either way, the total will get fatter still with NFC's stock market quotation.

"I'm on the dole," complains the man who spent eight years behind the wheel of a Jaguar steering Mr Jack Mather, NFC's chief executive, across the country. His main driving now is picking his children up from school.

"I'm not a tax exile. I left the job through ill health. I've still got problems with my spine. I was working 80 and 90 hours a week, starting at 5.30 in the morning. I couldn't carry on. "I'm buying a fish and chip shop here in Douglas. I've got an agreed overdraft with the bank to start my own business. I've got to make a living."

But while he may be coming fresh to the world of battered cod, Mr Rouse is no newcomer to high finance. He has been a regular and sophisticated dabbler in NFC's internal market, where employee shareholders can buy and sell their stock, and pooh-poohs some of his less adventurous ex-colleagues: one of them had warned in Blackpool that "the get-rich-quick people are waiting in the City with their wallets open," eager to take over NFC once it was floated.

"They're a bit naïve and narrow-minded, some of them. They stand up and talk a lot of gobbledegook."

Then again, few of his former colleagues have financial problems worthy of talking to pricey professional advisers.

"I haven't got much left in my portfolio apart from my NFC shares. I was told by my accountant that I had to sell up if I was leaving the mainland. I actually sold all my unit trusts the week before Black Monday. It was more luck than anything else. I suppose I'll start building up my portfolio again soon."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Unipart chairman to head engineers

Mr Richard Perry, chairman of Unipart, the car spares organization, and former chairman of Rolls Royce Motors, has been elected president of the Engineering Employers Federation (EEF) for two years. He takes over from Mr Ronnie Hooker, chairman of Dubilier and a senior industrial adviser to Hambros Bank.

Aged 58, Mr Perry, a council member of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, was president of the federation's West Midlands Association in the mid-1970s. He entered the industry in 1948 as an apprentice.

Low offer in Canada

Low & Bonar, the Dundee, Tayside, plastics and packaging group, is buying out the minority 32.6 per cent stake in its Canadian offshoot, Bonar Inc, in a deal worth Can$38.75 million (£17.5 million). The cash offer of Can$24.75 a share to Bonar Inc shareholders is being recommended by the independent directors of the Canadian company.

£3.8m deal at Speyhawk

Speyhawk, the property development and construction group, is paying about £3.8 million for the freehold of its offices at Lower Square, Old Isleworth, Middlesex. The property was refurbished and extended six years ago. Speyhawk currently occupies the premises on a 25-year lease at an annual rent of £178,000 a year.

Austrac claims 50.8%

ACI International has said a Aus$1.6 billion (£655 million) bid for the glass and packaging group remained inadequate in spite of having won more than 50 per cent acceptance. Austrac Investments said it held 50.8 per cent of ACI's 398 million shares under its Aus$4.10 a share cash offer, revised from Aus$4, plus an 8.5 cent dividend.

Mr Brian Scott, the ACI chairman, said the offer still failed to reflect ACI's strong balance sheet, market position and growth prospects. He criticized acceptance by ACI's largest shareholders, Westfield Capital Corporation and the Australian Mutual Provident Society, and urged remaining ACI shareholders, which include the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation and Henley Group, not to accept.

Wates sells office stake

Wates City of London Properties has sold its stake in a 42,600 sq ft office scheme at 51 Moorgate, London EC2, to Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale for £40 million in cash and loan notes. The company said the sale will provide additional resources for development. It already has plans for a 750,000 sq ft office scheme in the City.

Caird buys freehold

A Caird, the property investment and waste disposal group, has bought the freehold of the Teesside Training and Technical Centre at Teesside Airport for £275,000. The building comprises 21,600 square feet of net space for letting, of which 13,600 is let on a five-year lease at £3.40 a square foot. The initial yield is 16.8 per cent.

NZ cuts foreign debt

New Zealand will repay NZ$1.4 billion (£531 million) of foreign debt with the help of NZ$800 million raised by the sale of its stake in Petroleum Corporation of New Zealand (Petrocorp) to British Gas, Mr Roger Douglas, the finance minister, said. The government said in its 1987 budget that it planned to repay NZ$600 million of foreign debt.

Mr Douglas said in a statement that it had now been decided to add in the Petrocorp proceeds. Total foreign debt was NZ$31.26 billion in the quarter ended September 30. Mr Douglas said that it had been assumed that the government would receive NZ$1.68 billion in the year to March 31 from the sale of state-owned enterprises and retirement of the debt of the Housing Corporation and the Rural Bank.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 15	February 26	May 19	May 31

Call options were taken out on: 22/2/88 Camford Eng., Hartwells, Sound Diffusion, Ultramar, North Kalgurli Mines, Ryan Hotels, Inoco, Floyd Oil, Bejam, W Lawrence, C Baynes, Waterford Glass, Control Secs., Barratt Dev., Astra Trust, Bryant Group, Micro Business Systems.
Put: Sound Diffusion.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	452	Coats	2,379	Land Sec	1,436	Rowntree	272
Allid-Lyons	832	CU	539	Laporte	35	Royal Bank	552
Amstrad	3,839	Cons Gold	252	L&G	1,270	Royal Ins	189
ASDA	1,093	Cookson	486	Lloyds	905	Saatchi	718
AB Foods	493	Courtaulds	2,058	Lonrho	2,318	Sainsbury	674
Argyll	527	Daigety	207	Lucas	236	Scot & N	2,007
BAA	3,512	Dee	5,325	Magnet	149	Sears	2,115
BET	3,769	Dixons	1,693	M&S	2,823	Sedgwick	947
BTR	701	ECC	210	Maxwell Cm	581	Shell	924
BAT	1,397	Enterprise	583	MEPC	1,082	Smith & N	2,993
Barclays	281	Ferranti	1,392	Metal Box	195	STC	1,088
Bass	306	Fisons	1,148	Midland	1,281	Stan Chart	684
Beecham	849	Gen Acc	374	NatWest	1,434	Storehse	2,254
Beazer	115	GEC	2,431	Next	1,561	Sun Allnce	73
BICC	636	Glaxo	1,121	Nth Food	1,139	T & N	1,954
Blue Arrw	10,620	Globe	253	P&O	573	Tarmac	1,547
Blue Circle	1,128	Granada	503	Pearl	123	Tate & Lyle	282
BOC	366	Grand Met	1,813	Pearson	236	TSB	2,411
Boots	2,602	GUS 'A'	27	Pilkington	1,436	Tesco	3,642
BPB	1,972	GRE	741	Plessey	1,121	Thorn EMI	126
Br Aero	355	GKN	570	Prudential	180	Trafalgar	369
Br Airways	901	Guinness	1,768	Racal	7,165	THF	562
Br Comm	989	Hamm 'A'	430	Rk Hovis	378	Ultramar	3,250
Br Gas	4,356	Hanson	3,100	Rank	886	Unigate	216
Br Petrol	8,632	Hawker	1,104	R&C	922	Unilever	694
Br Telecm	6,327	Hawley	1,422	Redland	2,370	United Bis	657
Britoil	271	Hillsdown	1,448	Reed	583	Utd News	548
Bunzl	352	IMI	529	Reuters	554	Wellcome	3,210
Burmah	161	ICI	1,485	RMC Gp	312	Whitbrd	1,771
Burton	528	Jaguar	163	RTZ	1,808	Willis Fab	298
C&W	1,187	Lasmo	192	R-Royce	1,579	Woolworth	2,000
Cadbury	1,034	Ladbroke	2,797	Rothmn 'B'	352	Equities page 27	

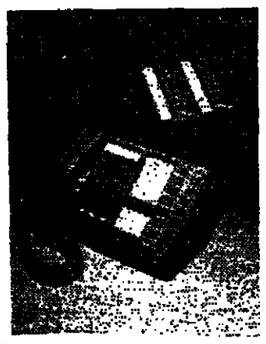
DEWHURST
ADVANCED CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

	1987	1986
Turnover	£5,293,938	£4,464,700
Profit before tax	£589,868	£352,266
Dividends (pence per share)	1.41p	1.20p
Earnings (pence per share)	5.04p	3.51p

Current demand is good in home and overseas markets, and promises continued strength. Prospects for further improvement in interim and full year figures look encouraging at the present time.
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TEMPUS

Streamlined Vickers shines in City

Vickers, thanks to those prestige Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars, is winning the hearts and minds of the City in a fashion that would have seemed impossible in the early 1980s.

The once sprawling engineering concern is now slimmed down to a mere six main divisions (and due to contract to five, once the business furniture division goes). Management has impressed the City with a sense of direction, which was not always so evident. Profits for the year ended December topped expectations and the shares are on a rating which puts them into the buy class.

If 1986 was Vickers' year for an acquisition spend, then 1987 was the year that money was put behind its winning assets. The outcome was an advance at the pretax profits line from £54 million to £62.6 million, improved margins, and a confident enough start to the current year to suggest that at least £71 million is in sight for 1988.

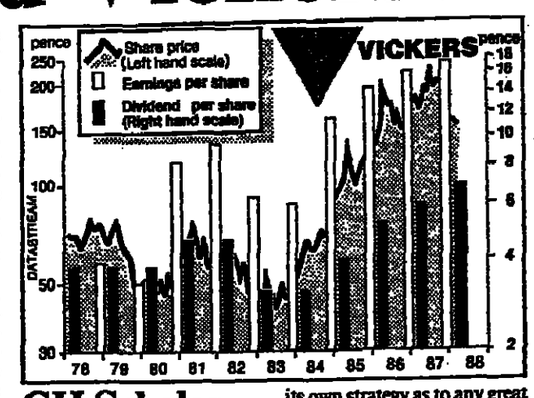
The direct sales of Rolls-Royces to buyers may well have slipped by a handful, but Bentley sales — where the margin impact is impressive — continued to forge ahead to see operating profits of the Rolls-Royce Motor Cars division rise from £17.5 million to £22 million. So far — and 1987 figures take in the months immediately after the October Wall Street and London stock market collapses — there is little evidence that financial uncertainty is affecting the real luxury car market.

As evidence of Vickers' determination to secure respectable returns out of assets, the poorly performing business furniture division is to go, hopefully at around the £50 million net asset mark. Meanwhile, at Howson-Algraphy printing plates, which last year on a £19.9 million increase in turnover managed only a £1.2 million improvement in operating contribution, better things are expected. This should come once the rewards of the £14 million production line expansion at Leeds works through to the production floor.

Whatever the stock market's conception, dollar and currency influences are only modest at Vickers, while the stronger platform on which the group now stands should ensure continued growth. Gearing is down from 33 per cent to 28 per cent.

Investment sentiment would undoubtedly be helped by positive news on the defence-aerospace order front (last year's turnover up from £82.8 million to £136.9 million, and profits from £9.2 million to £12.7 million) but Vickers looks set fair to achieve net earnings of 20p a share to put the shares at 167p, up 10½p yesterday, on a prospective rating of 8.4.

A Bentley may be out of reach for many, but the shares are not.



GH Scholes

While the impression remains that last summer's £70 million bid from Delta caught the electrical switchgear manufacturer George H Scholes on the hop, it certainly appears to have its act together now.

Yesterday it reported an 11 per cent rise in sales, an 18 per cent increase in pretax profits, a 20 per cent advance in earnings and a dividend up 22 per cent. It has £7.4 million cash, no debt and ambitious acquisition plans.

Fortunately for the new chief executive, Mr Reg Harrington, pitchforked prematurely into the chairmanship to spearhead the defence, the Scholes family interests and loyal local holders left the company well enough insulated.

Delta's defeat, in truth, owed as much to doubts about its own strategy as to any great conviction about Scholes's potential. Most observers agreed with Scholes that Delta's ambition to expand Scholes through the development of an R&D division that would challenge the technological supremacy of the Europeans would have been a waste of resources.

The Scholes plan, under which it makes its circuit breakers under licence from the West German Brown Boveri group and the Austrian Felten & Guilleaume, assures it of the world's best technology to ally with its undisputed leadership of the British manufacturing market.

As for product development, Scholes believes if you cannot bea t them, join them. However, as a manufacturer, its position in the British market could hardly be stronger. It has more than half the market, distributing its Wylex circuit-breakers through 1,300 wholesalers. Indeed, all self-respecting electricians apparently order their supplies by the Wylex catalogue number.

It is a business that earns the group £1 pretax on every £5 of sales. And yet, Scholes's strength is its weakness. Its scope for increased market share is almost non-existent while its product range is limited. So it must diversify.

It will. The programme has begun with the purchase of the wiring and lighting group, H&L Appleby, for £9 million

It may spend up to £50 million, and has its eye on energy management systems and security systems, besides wiring and lighting. It is prepared to use cash but would rather use its shares. Now priced at 455p, suggesting a p/e multiple of about 12.3, they are understandably well below Delta's pre-crash 575p cash bid, but the gap should narrow.

FII

Fiona Footwear, one of FII's principal subsidiaries, is an industry leader in the manufacture of women's shoes and not, as its name might suggest, something from a children's story book.

Elaborate shoes, both for men and women, are in fashion. This has pushed up unit costs but retailers have not been prepared to pay more for the product. As a result, margins at FII have been squeezed, falling from 14.1 to 10.4 per cent since last year's first half.

British shoe manufacturers, among which FII ranks second with a 5 per cent market share, continue to be threatened by imports. These now stand at 65 per cent

FII is meeting the challenge of margins and imports by increasing volumes and broadening its product range. It has a secure core to its business as 50 per cent of its sales go to Marks and Spencer.

Capital investment continues in the shoe manufacturing business and in the instrumentation and diagnostic part of the group. Although this only accounts for around 7 per cent of sales and profits, it is considered a useful part of the group.

The balance sheet is strong with £3.5 million of net cash. Acquisitions are being sought in manufacturing and scientific fields.

It is only due to the inclusion of Lotus for a full six months that profits rose in the half year. For the year as a whole, FII will do well to improve upon the £7.2 million of 1986-87.

At these levels, the shares stand on a prospective p/e of 6.6 times on fully diluted earnings of 37.7p. This is scarcely demanding but the shares are unlikely to catch the imagination until margins and import penetration stabilize.

STOCK MARKETS

Dealers hopeful of a pre-Budget rally

Share prices made a firm start to the account yesterday, boosting hopes among worried dealers that the market is about to enjoy an overdue, pre-Budget rally.

Sentiment was boosted by a strong performance from New York over the weekend — where the Dow Jones industrial average again went above 2,000 — and another confident survey of industrial trends from the CBI. Suggestions that the Chancellor may decide to make alterations to the rules concerning capital gains tax also provided a cheerier outlook. But turnover remained pitifully thin, with only 324 million shares traded.

Market men are worried that, unless there is a pick-up in the levels of business, the rally may not last.

Prices closed slightly below their best levels of the day as Wall Street made a hesitant start in resumed trading, but dealers were clearly heartened by the day's performance.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 17.4 higher at 1,747.2, having been 19.4 up. The narrower FT index of 30 shares rose 13.7 to 1,396.3.

Overseas buyers, tempted by the strong pound and base rates of 9 per cent, chased government securities, which scored gains of £½ at the longer end in early trading. But they failed to hold their best levels and closed mixed.

Analysts at Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the broker, are advising clients to switch out of British Telecom and into British Gas.

Concern about the Office of Fair Trading referral, the mild winter weather and the 40p call on the shares, which is due in April, has meant that British Gas has lagged behind British Telecom and this recent underperformance provides investors with the ideal opportunity to begin the switch.

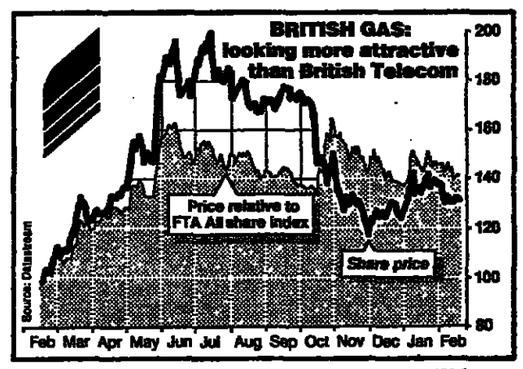
British Gas is cheaper than BT in both terms of p-e and yield. Its defensive qualities in a recession are stronger, with heat and cooking least likely to suffer.

Kleinwort argues that the April call is not such a long-term factor as the Government's remaining 49 per cent holding in British Telecom. This could be sold during the next two years, depressing the share price.

The Office of Telecommunications' investigation into British Telecom's service is potentially more damaging than the Monopolies Commission's investigation into British Gas's pricing structure to industrial customers (30 per cent of sales) and appears more likely to reduce profit margins.

Kleinwort also says British Gas may benefit from a Tokyo listing in September.

BT closed 3p higher at 243p, while British Gas held steady at 130.5p.



Wellcome continued to draw strength from a recent encouraging report in *The Lancet*, the medical journal, about the recent tests which have been carried out with Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug. The tests, carried out on a small group of HIV positive sufferers, reduced the levels of the virus and produced only mild and infrequent side-effects.

Mr Jonathan de Pas, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Robert Fleming, Wellcome's broker, says that current estimates of Retrovir sales take no account of it being widely used among the HIV positive population. He claims that sales targets will be exceeded.

Mr de Pas is currently expecting pretax profits for the current year, to August 31, to grow from £169.1 million to £220 million — followed by £360 million in 1989. Wellcome ended a further 20p higher at 455p — making a two-day lead of 44p — as around 3 million shares were traded. Mr de Pas rates the shares as a strong buy.

The rise in the Wellcome share price might have been higher but for reports resurfacing again that the Wellcome Foundation is preparing to sell more shares in the company.

When Wellcome was floated on the market in 1986, the foundation offered 25 per cent of the equity, raising £200 million. At current levels, it would only have to sell around 10 per cent of its remaining holding to raise the same amount.

Dee Corporation, which has just escaped the clutches of Barker & Dobson following an abortive, £2 billion bid, was again celebrating with a 4p rise to 181p, after 183p. Some fund managers are convinced that Dee shares are now a good bet. They know that Mr Alec Monk, the chairman, and the rest of the board will have to start providing better returns at Dee if they are to repay the loyalty shown by shareholders.

The Dee share price has been a dull performer in the past couple of years following an aggressive acquisition programme which was mostly financed by the issue of extra shares.

Old takeover favourites were singled out for attention.

Elys (Wimbledon), the department store, soared 110p to 705p in a thin market. There is talk that Ward White is on the verge of selling its near-30 per cent stake in the company.

Ward White, headed by Mr Philip Birch, inherited the shareholding when it bought Owen Owen and, before the crash, was said to have been offered nearly £9 a share for it, compared with Elys' asset value of £13 a share.

Lloyds Chemists, the retail pharmacist, advanced by 8p to 138p, after 145p, on takeover speculation.

Lloyds is one of the few remaining, quoted chemist chains after Woolworth's bids for Tip Top Drugstores and Share Drug. Dealers take the view that Lloyds could be next in the firing line.

Amari, the metals and plastics group, advanced by 3p to 164p on the news that Suter, the industrial conglomerate headed Mr David Abell, had increased its holding in the company to more than 23 per cent.

Talk in the marketplace suggests that Amari's days as an independent company are numbered.

No other companies have a declareable stake in Amari, but it is reckoned that Evered Holdings, the industrial conglomerate headed by the Abdullah brothers and Glynwed International, the Midlands engineer, have stakes just below the declarable, 5 per cent level.

Telephone Rentals, the telecommunications and equipment group, advanced by 12p to 212p on renewed hopes of a bid.

Cable and Wireless, Racal Electronics and Plessey have all been tipped as possible bidders.

Cable and Wireless remains the favourite to make a move, but experts believe that would prompt a counter-bid from Plessey, which has close trading ties with Telerentals.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, believes that Telerentals shares' are a buy on fundamentals alone.

Telerentals' full-year figures are due in April and BZW is going for pretax profits of £20.8 million against £17.2 million last year.

Stake-building stories boosted Racal, 8p higher at 215p.

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, was again mentioned. But this is being discounted by sources close to Hanson. The name of Hanson was also being linked to Hawker Siddeley as the latter's shares rose 9p afresh to 491p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

- **Dominion International, the financial services group, is severing its links with the oil and gas industry. Yesterday it raised £1.7 million, selling 8.5 million shares in Southwest Resources, and is now in talks to sell the remaining 43.1 per cent stake. Dominion finished 1p lower at 96p.**

Raine Industries, the housebuilding, construction and civil engineering group, firmed 1p to 89p. SBCI Savory Milln, the broker, is bullish about the group's short-term prospects. It expects Raine's pretax profits to triple to £3.8 million this year, with dividends also up sharply.

TOKYO

Prices close higher for the eighth day in succession

(Reuter) — Prices closed higher for the eighth consecutive day yesterday on momentum from recent gains and a generally promising trend overseas. Profit-taking by investment trusts pulled prices off their peaks but investors' sentiment remained confident.

A broker said: "It's the largest Monday volume we've had in a long while. And Mondays tend to be indecisive." The Nikkei Dow index rose by 73.30 points, or 0.30 per cent, to 24,846.71 after reaching a peak of 24,949.35. It advanced by 98.05 points on Friday. Rises outnumbered falls by 13 to 10 on a turnover of 830 million shares against 1 billion on Friday.

Securities houses, communications, rubber, railway/bus, construction, property, electric power, gas and trucking issues gained ground. Non-life insurance, credit/lease, retail, airline, electronic, banking and some manufacturing shares fell. Wall Street's rally on Friday which lifted the Dow Jones industrial average well above 2,000 points, helped to bolster morning trade.

Securities house shares have been strong in recent days, reflecting bullish sentiment, brokers said.

HONG KONG

Shares finish steady but off highs

(Reuter) — Shares closed steady yesterday but off their highs on light profit-taking in the afternoon. The Hang Seng index rose by 19.13 points to 2,347.17. Turnover was HK$476.05 million (£35 million) against HK$279 million for last Tuesday's half-day trading.

Brokers said that investors returning from last week's Chinese New Year holiday were encouraged by the gains in New York and Tokyo but buying interest was curtailed in the absence of incentives.

Properties and banks led the advance with Bank of East Asia rising by 90 cents to HK$20.30, Hang Seng Bank 50 cents to HK$8.30 and HK Bank 10 cents to HK$7.05.

Sun Hung Kai Properties climbed 20 cents to HK$8.55 and Henderson 15 cents to HK$4.35.

WALL STREET

Dow drops point in early deals

New York (Reuter) — Shares were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday with blue chips showing small changes. Eastman Kodak was open but lacked bids and offers. Polaroid is suing Kodak for $5.7 billion. Brokers said that some general buying extended from late on Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 1 lower at 2,013.59 and declining issues were slightly behind rising ones. Texaco gained ⅞ to 43½ in active trading. Talks with Saudi Arabia about a 50 per cent stake in Texaco's refining and marketing network were far advanced, a trade publication said.

On Friday, the Dow average rose by 28.18 to 2,014.59.

● MA Hanna Co said it was aware of no specific reason for the rise in its shares yesterday morning. Hanna was up by 1½ to 23⅜. The stock traded between 17 and 29 in 1987, ending the year at 19⅜.

	Feb 19	Feb 18		Feb 19	Feb 18		Feb 19	Feb 18
AMR Cp	38½	37⅝	Fedders	7⅝	7⅛	Pennzoil	67⅛	66⅜
ASA	45⅝	46⅝	Firestone	43⅞	41⅜	Pepsico	35⅜	34⅜
Aetna Life	48¼	47⅛	Fst Chicago	22⅜	22⅜	Pfizer	32	31⅜
Allied Signal	32⅜	31⅞	Fst Int Bncp	40⅜	40⅛	Phelps Dod	37	37⅞
Allis Chim	1⅛	1⅛	Fst Penn C	9⅜	9⅝	Philip Mor	90⅝	89⅛
Alcoa	45¾	44⅝	FT Wachva	38	37⅝	Philip Pet	15⅝	14⅛
Amax Inc	17⅞	17⅜	Ford Motor	44⅛	42⅜	Polaroid	27½	27
AMR Hess	28⅝	27⅞	GAF Cp	46⅛	47	Primerica	28⅛	27½
Am Brands	45⅛	45⅝	GTE Cp	38	37⅜	Proct Gble	82⅜	82⅛
Am Cynmd	45¾	46⅜	Gen Cp	19⅝	19⅜	Pub SE Gr	24⅞	24⅝
Am Ele Pwr	28⅜	28⅛	Gn Dynam	52⅜	52⅛	R Nebisco	50	48⅝
Amerd	25⅛	25⅝	Gen Electric	43¼	43¼	Raytheon	69⅜	68⅝
Am Family	13⅜	13⅝	Gen Inst	30¼	30	Rynldr Metl	42⅝	42
Am Home	76⅜	74⅜	Gen Mills	50⅛	50⅛	Rockwell Int	18⅜	17⅝
Am Int Grp	58⅛	58	Gen Motors	69⅛	67⅝	Royal Dutch	114⅛	113⅜
Am Stand	67⅜	67⅜	Gen Pub Ut	30⅛	31	SFE Sopac	22⅝	22⅝
Am Telph	29⅜	29⅛	Genesco	4⅜	4½	Sara Lee	40⅛	40⅛
Amoco Cp	76	75⅝	Georgia Pac	37⅞	36⅝	Schlumb	36	34⅛
Anheuser B	31⅜	31⅛	Gillette	38⅜	38⅝	Scott Pap	72⅛	70⅝
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅜	Goodrich	44	42⅝	Seagram	55⅝	54⅝
Asarco Inc	22⅜	22⅛	Goodyear	57	57⅜	Sears Roeb	37	36
Ashland Oil	69¼	69¼	Gould Inc	11⅛	10⅞	Shell Trans	74⅝	74⅝
Atl Richfld	78	78⅛	Grace Co	26⅜	25⅝	Singer	49⅜	48⅝
Avon Prod	24¾	24⅛	Grt Atl Pac	36⅝	35⅞	Smith Beck	57⅜	56⅝
Bk Boston	24⅜	24⅜	Greyhnd	29⅜	29⅛	Sony Cp	38⅛	37
Bank NY	30⅜	29⅞	Grumman	19	18⅝	Sth Cal Ed	33⅝	32⅝
Bankamer	8⅛	8⅛	Gulf & West	75⅜	75⅛	SW Bell	37⅛	37⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	34⅜	34⅛	Heinz	40⅛	39⅝	Squibb	67⅛	66⅛
Baxter	22⅝	22⅜	Hercules	48⅝	48⅛	Stand Drug	38⅝	38⅜
Beth Steel	18⅝	18⅝	Hewlett Pk	60⅞	59⅛	Stevens JP	45⅝	45⅞
Boeing	47⅜	47⅛	Honeywell	65⅝	64⅛	Sun Comp	56⅝	55
Boise Casc	45⅞	44⅝	IC Ind	35	34⅞	TRW Inc	47⅝	47⅜
Bristl Meyr	44⅛	43⅝	ITT Cp	46⅝	46	Teledyne	334⅛	325⅞
BP	53⅜	54	INCO	22	21⅛	Tenneco	40⅝	39⅝
Brunswick	18⅛	18⅛	Ing Rand Wl	37⅛	37⅝	Texaco	42⅝	40⅞
Burl Nth	69⅝	69⅝	Inland Steel	32⅜	32⅜	Tex Instr	28⅝	27⅜
CBS	167¼	164	Int Paper	42⅜	41	Texas Inst	49⅝	48⅝
CMS Engy	16⅜	16⅛	Intrlng Bk	46¾	46¾	Tex Util	29⅝	29⅝
CPC Int	45⅝	45⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	80⅞	79⅜	Textron	53⅜	53⅛
CSX Cp	30⅛	30⅝	K Mart	33⅜	33	Travelers	37⅜	37⅜
Camp Soup	28⅝	28	Kaisertech	10⅞	10⅝	USWest	33⅞	31⅞
Can Pacific	17¾	17⅜	Kerr McGee	37⅜	37⅝	USX Cp	32⅛	31⅝
Caterpillar	62	61⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	53⅝	52⅝	Unilever Plc	34⅝	34⅛
Centrl SW	32⅛	32⅛	Kraft	55⅛	55⅜	Un Carbide	23⅛	22⅝
Champion	33⅝	33⅝	Kroger	28⅛	28⅞	Un Pac Cp	57⅝	57⅜
Chase Man	22⅛	22⅝	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅝	Unisys Cp	85	83⅜
Chem NY	23⅞	23	Litton	78⅜	78⅝	Utd Brands	46⅝	46
Chevron	45⅝	46	Lockheed	40⅛	40	Utd Tech	38⅜	38
Chrysler	25	24⅞	Lucky Str	28	27⅞	Unocal	33⅜	31¼
Citicorp	19⅝	19⅜	Man Hnver	22⅛	22⅝	Warn Lamb	76	75½
Clark Eq	24⅝	25	Manville	2⅛	2⅛	Wells Far	50	49⅝
Coca Cola	38	37⅞	Mapco	49	48⅝	Westg El	50⅜	50⅞
Colgate	43⅝	43⅞	Marriott	29	29	Weyerhsr	46⅛	46⅞
Columb Gas	32⅞	33	Mt Marietta	46⅝	46⅜	Whirlpool	27⅞	27⅞
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Curtiss W	51⅛	51⅛	Monsanto	89⅞	88	Alcan Alum	35	34⅛
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Dow Chem	85⅞	83⅛	Nat Semi	10⅝	10⅜	Imasco	29⅝	29⅞
Dressr Ind	28	27⅞	Norfolk Sth	28	27½	Imperial Oil	56⅝	56⅝
Dupont	85	83⅛	NW Bancrp	42¼	41⅜	Int Pipe	46⅛	46⅛
Duke Pwr	46⅝	45⅞	Occid Petl	28⅞	28⅜	Royl Trstco	14⅜	14⅜
East Kodak	42⅝	42	Ogden Cp	27⅞	28⅜	Seagrams	70	69⅞
Eaton Cp	71	70¼	Olin Cp	46⅛	46⅝	Shelico 'A'	21	37⅜
Emerson El	34	33⅞	PPG Ind	36⅛	37⅜	Thomsn N 'A'	27	27⅜
Enserv Air	6⅝	6⅝	Pac Gas El	17¼	17⅞	Varity Cp	3.35	3.30
Exxon	42⅝	42	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜	WCT	16⅜	17
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Morgan director resigns to start corporate finance firm

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr George Magan, one of the leading lights of Morgan Grenfell's corporate finance department, resigned yesterday to join Mr Rupert Hambro, managing director of JO Hambro, in a new corporate finance venture.

The new company, called Hambro Magan, will operate much like the corporate finance department of a leading merchant bank, offering advice on mergers and acquisitions, buyouts and flotations. Mr Magan said. "Since Big Bang there is great scope for smaller corporate finance operations which can give clients a more personal service," he added.

His departure from Morgan Grenfell was described as "amicable" by both sides, and Mr Magan has undertaken not to persuade any of the bank's corporate finance staff to go with him. He has also agreed to adopt a "circumspect" attitude to his old clients at Morgan.

Mr Magan had been at Morgan for 13 years and was regarded as one of its corporate finance stars in the heady days before the Guinness affair. In the aftermath of the Guinness bid for Distillers, in which Morgan advised Guinness, however, the so-called star system was dismantled by Mr John Craven, the new chief executive, in favour of a more team-oriented approach.

But Mr Magan denied that his departure was the result of dissatisfaction with the reorganization. Only a month ago he had been promoted from being a director of the bank to being a group director. "I felt comfortable in the new structure but saw this new venture as a great opportunity," he said.

Mr Craven said: "Obviously his departure is rather a bore but I don't regard it as leaving a gaping void in our corporate finance department. We have great depth of talent there." Morgan Grenfell carried out more corporate finance deals than any other institution in the City last year, he added.

The new venture will include Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr James Hambro, his brother, and Mr Alton Irby. It marks a further expansion in the operations of the Hambro brothers who resigned from the family's traditional business, Hambro Bank, in 1986 to set up their own operation, JO Hambro.

Hambro Magan already has substantial capital support from a leading US leveraged buyout house as well as other international backers. "We are already aware of a number of clients who would want to work with us," Mr Magan said.

He added that he expected to work with merchant banks on many deals, in particular with Morgan Grenfell.

British steel output up 32%

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Crude steel production, which has been on a rising trend for most of 1987, climbed further in January, especially in Britain and the US.

Production, on an annual comparison, was up by 17.5 per cent worldwide and by 17.6 per cent within the European Economic Community. British production jumped by 31.8 per cent compared with January last year, reflecting its greater economic growth. There was a similar increase in the US.

Britain, with 1.65 million tonnes, outpaced most of the rest of Europe where West Germany rose by 17.6 per cent, France 16.3 per cent and Italy 17.4 per cent. Belgium, with production of about two-thirds of that in Britain, rose 26 per cent.

Japan, which in January produced nearly six times as much crude steel as Britain, had an increase of 16.6 per cent, while South Korea increased production by 24 per cent.

The continued increase in crude steel production was reported by the International Iron and Steel Institute, which monitors performance in 30 countries, accounting for just under 60 per cent of total world production.

The prospects for improvement in Britain are still looking hopeful, with the British Steel Corporation reporting strong order books. But worldwide there is still excess capacity in steel and price wars seem likely.

COMMENT

Ivory & Sime plans look likely to fail

The labyrinthine plans for reorganizing three Ivory & Sime investment trusts appear to be headed for deep trouble. The crucial shareholders' meetings are due to take place on Thursday and Friday and, worse luck for Ivory, need a 75 per cent majority in favour to carry the day.

There were indications yesterday from those in the market who take a special interest in the rarified world of investment trusts that enough professional ire has been aroused to block the proposals. Opponents of the £300 million plan claim that holders of more than 25 per cent of the votes involved are intending to vote against.

Up in Charlotte Square, they are not giving up hope just yet. The view yesterday afternoon was that proxies in so far have been supportive. No details were available. But the Ivory team reckons that if the same voting patterns continue, the scheme will go through. However, it is likely that those who find the proposals attractive have posted early.

Ivory has worked long and hard, some say too long, in attempting to devise a scheme which satisfies everyone. It arose from institutional pressure to bale out of trusts which had once been among the trailblazers in their field, but where recent performance left much to be desired. Some investors were only interested in making their exits at a price as close to asset value as possible.

Shareholders face a bewildering array of choices, some of which involve novel and complex investments. There is a 25-year equities index stock as part of a split-level trust, Selective Assets. Or a so-called offshore umbrella fund with 15 sub-funds invested in a choice of bonds, equities and cash.

Small wonder that some investors have baulked. But the professionals are griping about future charges and Ivory's unwillingness to consider simpler and more direct solutions. If, as looks likely, the proposals fail, the episode will be far from closed. The pressure for liquidation and unitization will be strong and difficult to resist. The hawks are unlikely to give Ivory a second bite at the cherry.

Testing times ahead

The US presidential campaign is going to provide some testing and destabilizing moments for the markets. Paul Volcker's warnings about the deficit yesterday come more in the category of self-defence than electioneering. There is a Reaganite school which already blames his tight money policy last year for the October crash, in the manner of Milton Friedman's analysis of 1929 and after. But the differences between Mr Volcker and the President's Council of Economic Advisers echo those between Robert Dole and George Bush.

Stones thrown in the argument over the trade deficit may cause bigger ripples. Yesterday, Clayton Yeutter, the President's trade representative, turned on the economically stagnant West Germans as a cause of America's trade troubles, charging that expected growth of 1 per cent was "not good enough" in terms of the world economy needs.

The need for investigation

In principle, there is a good deal to be said for the Treasury Select Committee's proposals on reforming the Government's reportage of public spending. The expansion of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement to include practically all the big numbers agreed in the annual public expenditure survey has effectively dispensed with the need for Part I of the present White Paper, which now does little more than repeat in January what has been said in November. The interest of the White Paper lies in the small print about the plans and performance of individual departments.

The committee's proposal, which follows thinking on similar lines by its predecessor, is that Volume I of the White Paper should be amalgamated with the Autumn Statement while the detailed departmental chapters of Volume II should instead be issued in expanded form as departmental annual reports. The debate on the White Paper would be scrapped and replaced by debates arising from the scrutiny of the reports by select committees during the spring.

Departmental reports would allow the Government to produce a comprehensive set of measures of what £150 billion of taxpayers' money was actually buying — which in a single chapter of the White Paper is hardly feasible. Unfortunately, the major obstacle to a proper analysis of performance is much more likely to be the ambiguous attitude of the government machine to having its performance measured than any lack of opportunity to do so.

Reports on departmental spending will only be helpful if they contain more useful information than the present Public Expenditure White Paper. On the minus side, splitting up the White Paper will tend to obscure the need to make decisions on priorities.

In practice the pros and cons of splitting up the White Paper seem to be finely balanced. What is most needed is a searching investigation of the Government's plans, perhaps by the Public Accounts Committee advised by the National Audit Office, which could call departmental as well as Treasury ministers to account.

Japanese car exports up in value

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The Japanese motor industry is sharply increasing the value of exports and in December reversed the decline in export volumes of cars and trucks.

Statistics from the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers' Association show motor vehicle exports last year fell 4.5 per cent to 6.304 million. Exports of cars slipped 1.4 per cent to 4.507 million.

While the strength of the yen halted the consecutive annual rise in vehicle exports and forced manufacturers to pursue sales on the home market, the value of exports rose 10.7 per cent to $5.57 billion (£3.18 billion).

In December the trend to selling more higher value vehicles overseas was even greater as the value of exports increased by 15.6 per cent.

Some 53.6 per cent of Japanese motor exports went to America and Canada in 1987 but the combination of higher prices, a contracting market and increasing production from the Japanese car plants in the US, accounted for a 9.1 per cent drop in volume to 3.38 million.

As strong demand in Europe pushed the new car market to record levels of more than 12 million last year, Japanese exports benefited, rising 5.1 per cent to 1.643 million. It had been feared imports would rise by up to 10 per cent but intense political lobbying and protests by French car-makers in particular, appear to have forced the Japanese to curb exports.

Cockfield urges industry to play greater role on market

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Cockfield, the European Commission vice-president, yesterday appealed to Britain to make a major effort to catch up with its EEC partners if it wants to reap full benefit from the truly common market planned for 1992.

The former Conservative minister's tone was more conciliatory than in his recent speeches on Britain's attitude towards Europe, in which he warned the Government that its opposition to harmonizing indirect taxation could lead to Britain being isolated by other Community states.

Addressing a London seminar, "1992 — Opportunity or Threat," organized by the Federation of British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers Associations, Lord Cockfield said it was surprising and worrying that Britain had taken so long to wake up to its opportunities.

He called on trade and industry to play a greater role in spreading the word about the economic promise of a single European market of 320 million people.

In spite of his repeated criticism of the Government's stance on key aspects of the "single European market," he welcomed the Government's plans to launch a publicity campaign in April about the 1992 objectives.

The campaign, however, would come almost three years after the scheme was endorsed by the EEC summit.

"For us it is late but not too late. There is much ground to catch up. But we can catch it up," he said.

A major effort was called for in which trade and industry, finance and commerce had a crucially important part to play, stressing that with 50 per cent of its trade now conducted with the EEC, there was no time to waste.

Lord Cockfield said it was imperative to make it clear to industry and business by the end of this year that the frontierless EEC market would come into effect on time.

He underlined the importance of the new approach adopted by Brussels, which stresses "essential requirements" where the harmonization of technical standards was concerned.

Britain had a long tradition and expertise in the field of standards and should be in the forefront of the movement to establish EEC-wide technical standards.



Working towards a true common market: Lord Cockfield

Arco offer for Tricentrol unconditional

By John Bell
City Editor

Atlantic Richfield's £187 million bid for Tricentrol, the North Sea oil group, has been declared unconditional. The US group now owns almost 65 per cent of Tricentrol's issued capital.

Arco also revealed terms of its offer for the Tricentrol convertible loan stock, £120 cash for every £100 nominal in issue.

The convertible terms threatened to become an issue, with institutional holders concerned that the offer might not reflect the large yield difference between the stock and Tricentrol's ordinary shares. "Everybody will be happy now," said a leading institutional broker.

Smallbone raises £3m for US expansion

By Alexandra Jackson

Smallbone, the manufacturer of kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms, has raised £3 million net of expenses to support its expansion in the United States.

The rights issue of 3,096,446 7¼ per cent convertible preference shares at £1 per share will be on the basis of 55 convertible shares for every 100 ordinary shares held.

Smallbone has generated $2.8 million (£1.24 million) of sales since it opened a Manhattan showroom in New York last March and has $5 million of forward sales.

Trading in the second half of the year is ahead of expectations. In November, Smallbone reported an 11 per cent rise in profits from £387,000 to £816,000. The shares fell 7p yesterday to 243p.

Saudis may take stake in Texaco oil refinery

By Our City Staff

Talks between Texaco and Saudi Arabia concerning the sale of a 50 per cent holding in Texaco's US East Coast refining and marketing network are now believed to be at an advanced stage.

But Mr James Kinnear, the chief executive of Texaco, would not be drawn further than the company's statement that it was actively engaged in talks to sell refinery interests.

The statement followed reports that Texaco was considering selling the Saudis a 50 per cent stake in its Gulf of Mexico refineries for more than $1 billion.

It is believed that Saudi Arabia is interested in downstream expansion.

The overall cost of the deal with Texaco was estimated by oil industry sources to be in the region of $1.5 billion and the Saudis are likely to want to pay in oil rather than cash.

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A taxing question of tipple

With everyone trying to guess whether Nigel Lawson will cut another slice off personal taxes in the Budget, MPs too busy to sit through the whole speech (and, let us face it, who can afford to give up all those lucrative modelling contracts?) can steal a march by studying what the Chancellor pours into his tumbler to steady his nerves. The trend seems to suggest the stronger the fortifier, the bigger the cuts in personal taxes he is emboldened to bestow on the waiting House. In 1986 it was Ashbourne water and a 1p in the pound cut. Last year it was a white wine spritzer and 2p. This year could well herald another change in his tipple, if only because of the risks that often accompany the drinking of too much hock and seltzer. Oscar Wilde, according to the Betjeman poem, was sipping the stuff when the police came to arrest him at the Cadogan Hotel. So this year, if the Chancellor produces the Glenlivet malt I predict the stock market will soar before he has even opened his famous little briefcase. If he reaches for the tap water, it is each man for himself as far as I am concerned.

High-flyer

Russell Goward, Australian boss of Charterhall, the investment company, never spends long in the same hemisphere. "Once a fortnight I spend a day on a plane, heading from London to Sydney, or back again. That's where I do my best corporate thinking — no telephones or other distractions," says Goward who used to run Sir Ron Brierley's property operations in Australia and New Zealand.



"Perhaps we should get Eddie Edwards to sponsor us — after all, we're going downhill fast . . ."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Burger ad lacks relish

Burger King was one of the first casualties of Martin Sorrell's hostile takeover last year of J Walter Thompson, the Madison Avenue advertising agency. It was the largest ad agency switch ever when Burger King, fed-up with being the world's second favourite burger, decided to take its $200 million account away from JWT and hand it to NW Ayer. Americans will have a chance to judge the new campaign when it hits their TV screens next week. But here is a foretaste for those of you who cannot wait to see the commercials. In one of the little vignettes, an eccentric elderly man looks admiringly at a Burger King Whopper, complimenting the makers for "doing it like he used to do it". This agitates his wife, who notes that "you always said you were going to do it, but you never did". If I had $200 million, I could think of a few better ways to spend it.

New oil patch

BP, which had hoped to end the year with a much enlarged shareholder register — remember the 6 million who sent in share inquiry applications during October only days before the stock market crash ended that hope — has nevertheless added so many new shareholders during recent years that it is moving the venue of its AGM from the Barbican Theatre to the much larger Royal Albert Hall. In deference to its Kuwaiti shareholders, who now hold 20 per cent of the company, it should perhaps, however, have selected the Central Hall, Westminster, owned by the Methodist Church and very firmly "dry". Another alternative could have been the Scottish Exhibition Centre just along the Clyde from what will soon be its new Glasgow branch office, the only recently completed Britoil building.

Dramatic lines

Mark Nicholls, the Warburg director who was responsible for rescuing Birmid Qualcast from the eager clutches of Blue Circle, nearly missed hearing immediately about the dramatic turn of events last Thursday which left Birmid independent after a recount of shareholders' acceptances. He was dining at a restaurant and had, like every good Yuppie does these days, taken his mobile telephone with him, when he received an urgent call from Robin Broadley, a director of Barings, Blue Circle's merchant bank. The line was so bad that Nicholls could not understand the message and Broadley promised to call back, managing only to assure Nicholls that the news he had to impart would not spoil his appetite. The second call was, however, no better and eventually Nicholls volunteered to use the restaurant's pay phone. But the wretched thing refused to accept the Warburg man's cash and, in desperation, he finally reversed the charges. Or at least he tried to. For it was only when the parsimonious telephonist had established that it was indeed only a local call that he eventually managed to get through and heard that Blue Circle had, in fact, failed to clinch its prey. There is, however, some poetic justice in the fact that Barings had to pay for that final telephone call.

● Sign pinned to an external wall of the Stock Exchange, supposedly by an adjacent shop: "Free gift with every £10 purchase."

Carol Leonard

Call for more spending detail

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee has recommended scrapping the present Public Expenditure White Paper and replacing it with an expanded Autumn Statement and individual departmental reports containing more detail on the Government's spending plans.

The MPs want Parliamentary scrutiny of public spending to be less concerned with a *post mortem* of the previous year's spending and more involved with influencing expenditure decisions for the future.

In a report released before tomorrow's debate on this year's White Paper, the committee suggests replacing the White Paper debate with additional debates on departmental reports and on the estimates during the spring and early summer at a time when the Government is drawing up plans for the new spending survey.

The advantages of this change would include:

- More information would be available earlier at the end of the public spending survey in the autumn.
- Parliament could more easily consider the balance of spending between different programmes.
- Annual departmental reports would be more informative than the present departmental chapters of volume 2 of the White Paper and would constitute a significant improvement in accountability.
- The detailed study by select committees of the proposed annual reports would provide a useful input to the forthcoming annual expenditure survey.

The Committee still envisages a Treasury publication in January or February covering any figures not available at the time of the Autumn Statement together with further analysis not contained in Part 1 of the White Paper. The Departmental reports should be published in March or April.

One of the main reasons for the change would be to increase the amount of information made available on the output of the public sector. The committee calls for further work to be done on devizing quantifiable indicators which can be monitored on a consistent basis from year to year.

The committee also wants to see more information on the volume of public spending — in other words cash-adjusted for price increases relevant to each programme. While the report recognizes the dangers of using this for planning spending, it believes this would provide useful additional information about past spending.

The report criticizes the Government's target of reducing spending as a proportion of national income. "While an expenditure target expressed in terms of GDP may be a perfectly reasonable medium-term policy we consider that in the short-term the criterion is so vague as to be almost useless in determining expenditure in any one year." It points out that next year's total could be increased by £1 billion to £2 billion without threatening this criterion.

Among other changes the committee would like to see are a breakdown of spending by regions in England as well in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; an explanation of changes in departmental plans from one White Paper to the next and more information on changes in capital spending.

Gamble on Yale is safe bet, says Valor chief

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Michael Montague took the biggest gamble of his career when he spent £285 million taking over Yale, the American locks business, and its sister company, Nutone, a leader in household appliances.

The deal quadrupled the size of his Birmingham-based Valor home heating company, turning it into a major international consumer appliance group.

But it immediately put it in the firing line when the stock market's concern about a recession in the United States and the falling dollar sent the British company's share price into sharp decline.

Mr Montague — revelling in his new responsibilities as a transatlantic chairman — says fears have been overdone. "I know people are concerned that two-thirds of our profits come from the United States. Because of the lower dollar we are starting to manufacture products in the US which we previously brought in from the Far East. And we are also starting to introduce a number of exciting new products.

"The acquisition of these two companies has been a wonderful deal for us. There are no skeletons in the cupboard. And we have some tremendous ideas for the business."

Yale and NuTone were bought from First City Industries, the Canadian financial services group — to the delight of the managers who felt more at home with a manufacturing company such as Valor.

Mr John Houlihan, analyst with Hoare Govett, the broker, says: "Yale and Nutone were good at marketing but weak in product development. They were under the whip of a finance-based company using them as a cash cow to finance the junk bonds issued to acquire them in the first place.



Michael Montague: £285m gamble 'was a wonderful deal'

"They have been frustrated due to the continuing siphoning off of cash by their highly geared parent. Now they are free and able to embark on a serious product development programme."

NuTone is the larger of the two US companies and makes security equipment, cooker hoods, door chimes, and intercoms. An expected drop in new housebuilding in the US this year will have an impact, but more than half of the company's business is in the replacement market.

The company has just launched a number of new household gadgets, including a family telephone intercom system and stereo system in a link with the Bose company.

Yale, which is better known outside the US as a locks manufacturer outside, is stepping up its expansion into electronic security systems for homes and commercial users.

The round-the-year business of the two companies helps iron out the seasonal nature of the old Valor business — cookers, gas appliances, toasters, electric blankets, and items such as heated foot muffs.

For this year, which will include a nine-month contribution from the new acquisitions, the group, now known as Yale and Valor, should finish with pretax profits of about £35 million.

Next year analysts expect £46 million but more could be on the cards. Meantime Mr Montague is looking at ways of balancing the earnings by making an acquisition either in Britain or on the Continent.

Mr Montague says he has inherited a business with good cash flow, streamlined after major rationalization, and plenty of scope for growth.

The City appears to be reserving judgement. Initially the shares were marked up way ahead of the 320p vendor placing price to pay for the deal, but then lost more than half their value as attention has focused on the problems in the US economy. Yesterday they were 258p.

There is agreement that Yale's security market makes it less likely to suffer in a recession than Nu-Tone, which could feel the pinch from any serious fall in housing starts.

Directors 'must use technology'

By Roland Rudd

Sir Douglas Hague, the former head of the Prime Minister's economic and social research policy unit, yesterday gave a warning to Britain's industrial leaders that they would lose the battle for competitive success if they do not take advantage of the information technology revolution.

Sir Douglas said that company directors have been forced to watch subordinates being trained in techniques — designed to give information about businesses at the touch of a button — which they have not been able to use.

The warning from Sir Douglas follows a report from the Institute of Manpower Studies which concludes that 40 per cent of managers do not use information technology systems at all and one third use only telephone-based systems which do not involve operating a computer.

Sir Douglas, who is the chairman of Metapraxis, the information technology consultancy, said: "American executives are acquiring and using our techniques better than their British counterparts, with important implications for the whole of the British industry.

"For several decades, leaders have been running organizations which neither they nor their fellow directors fully comprehend. They have had to lead with much less information than outsiders believe and have had to deal with masses of figures and charts which are much harder to grasp than if they were converted into diagrams."

Sir Douglas believes that although information technology can be provided in an easily understood form, many IT departments refuse to let chief executives have control of the information they need.

"At the moment Britain is a world leader in this field but unless the leaders of business keep pushing ahead we will lose the advantage."

Sir Douglas also criticized National Health Service information technology departments. He gave a warning that the NHS could waste the next 10 years and millions of pounds by implementing out-of-date computerized information systems which are more complicated than is necessary to provide administrators with the information they need.

"The essential information for NHS managers is already present within the health service. The problem is that they are not being given the proper information systems to be able to look at it," he added.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Apr	Calls Jul	Oct	Apr	Puts Jul	Oct
Allid Lyons ('338)	300	47	52	-	3	11	-
	330	25	33	42	12	22	25
	360	10	20	28	36	38	42
Boots ('739)	750	72	95	110	15	28	33
	800	42	65	80	55	59	59
	850	22	42	57	65	80	82
Brit Air ('155)	140	25	27	32	3	7	11
	160	10	15	21	13	20	23
	180	3	7	13	24	29	33
Brit Com ('230)	200	25	35	45	12	22	27
	300	12	25	32	33	35	37
	330	7	13	22	65	65	57
Brit Gas ('131)	130	914%	16	6¼	11	15	15
	140	3C	9¾	12	12	17	22
	160	C	4¾	-	30	32	-
BP ('247)	240	15	28	30	9	14	22
	260	7	15	19	20	25	32
	280	2¾	9	-	38	40	-
Britoil ('486)	420	62	82	87	2	3	5
	460	41	45	50	7	7	15
	500	9	28	25	18	20	25
Cons Gold ('513)	500	63	100	120	55	70	95
	550	40	75	95	80	100	125
	600	27	67	-	120	130	-
Courtauld ('309)	300	20	35	37	9	23	27
	330	9	20	25	30	42	45
	360	3	12	15	55	55	57
Cons Unions ('312)	300	1½	6	-	85	90	-
	300	22	35	38	15	23	28
	330	9	22	25	35	40	47
	360	5	11	17	62	65	67
C & W ('355)	330	34	50	62	10	22	32
	360	18	35	43	28	38	45
	390	9	20	32	48	58	65
GEC ('154)	140	12	24	28	1	3	6
	160	5	10	15	11	14	18
	180	2	6	8	29	30	34
GKN ('310)	280	37	45	52	7	15	18
	300	20	33	38	15	24	30
	330	6	19	27	35	40	47
	360	3	10	-	58	65	-
Grand Met ('455)	390	73	88	-	3	8	-
	420	48	65	75	7	15	20
	460	22	42	50	28	30	35
	500	8	20	-	48	53	-
ICI ('1088)	950	123	150	-	12	30	-
	1000	85	120	135	27	45	65
	1050	52	83	-	50	67	-
	1100	32	73	90	85	93	118
Jaguar ('324)	300	32	45	53	13	20	25
	330	14	30	40	28	37	42
	360	7	18	28	47	57	58
Land Sec ('516)	450	103	107	115	2	7	10
	400	67	75	88	6	15	22
	500	35	51	65	35	30	37
Sainsbury ('219)	180	23	27	32	3	6	9
	200	12	19	25	12	17	21
	240	6	10	18	34	30	33
Shell ('1089)	1000	82	105	122	27	45	62
	1050	45	78	-	50	70	-
	1150	22	34	78	85	98	110
Stanlow ('234)	220	25	33	35	6	13	17
	240	12	22	25	13	23	25
	260	6	12	20	28	35	38
	280	4	9	-	48	60	-
Trafalgar ('319)	300	32	38	48	7	16	18
	330	14	28	32	20	30	32
	360	5	13	22	46	50	55
TSB ('108)	100	12	18	19	3	4½	6
	110	6	11	13	6¾	9	11
	120	2¼	7	10	15	17	18
Woolworth ('265)	260	32	40	45	6	15	18
	280	22	30	35	14	23	30
	300	10	18	-	30	35	-

	Series	Mar	Calls Jun Sep	Mar	Puts Jun Sep
Glaxo ('1029)	950	85	117	135	13	32	45
	1000	50	93	125	28	52	65
	1050	25	65	100	53	77	90
	1100	13	45	-	93	107	-
Hanson ('196)	1702½	29½	-	-	½	1¼	-
	120	17	21	24½	1¼	3¼	6½
	160	5½	13	3	8	13	16
	140	2½	6½	14	25½	26	25
Hawker ('497)	420	78	85	100	3	12	23
	460	45	55	75	19	25	35
	500	18	34	53	25	47	56
Lonhro ('253)	220	36	42	48	2	6	10
	240	18	29	34	5	10	17
	260	8	18	24	14	20	25
	280	1½	9½	16	32	36	40
Midland ('368)	360	30	47	57	7	15	22
	390	12	27	37	22	30	32
	420	5	15	23	42	52	62
Sears ('126)	120	9½	14	15	3	7	11
	130	3½	9½	13	8	14	18
	140	1¼	6	9	16	21	24
Tesco ('152)	140	16	22	25	3	5	7
	160	3	9	16	11	15	16
	180	1½	-	-	38	-	-
Thorn EMI ('584)	550	57	84	105	4	19	28
	600	28	55	67	9	30	48
	650	9	32	43	47	68	75
	700	3	20	-	95	98	-
TNF ('222)	200	25	35	38	2½	7	11
	220	10	22	27	8	15	20
	240	3½	12	17	22	27	32
Unilever ('465)	460	42	57	77	6	20	30
	500	16	35	55	22	40	50
	550	3½	18	33	84	72	90
Wellcome ('455)	380	98	122	127	1½	8	15
	380	70	87	105	3	14	23
	420	45	67	83	8	27	37

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA ('103)	100	13	17	23	8	13	16
	110	7½	12	16	13	19	22
	120	4½	8	-	21	25	-
Brit Aero ('364)	300	52	68	-	8	14	-
	330	35	45	53	18	25	32
	360	18	30	38	35	40	45
	390	9	20	30	57	60	68
BAT Ind ('430)	390	50	60	-	11	17	-
	420	32	45	55	30	35	
	460	14	26	36	48	52	57
	500	7	-	80	-	-	-
Brit Tele ('243)	200	48	52	-	1¼	4	-
	220	31	34	41	4	9	13
	240	18	22	29	9½	16	20
Cadbury ('249)	220	34	42	-	6	10	-
	240	22	30	35	14	18	22
	260	10	18	25	25	30	33
Caledonian ('276)	260	28	35	40	12	18	23
	280	17	25	32	23	28	33
	300	10	20	23	37	42	45
Ladbroke ('369)	300	77	82	-	4	7	-
	330	50	56	62	9	15	20
	360	30	37	47	22	27	33
LASMO ('300)	280	35	45	60	16	25	28
	300	22	35	45	25	35	43
	320	12	22	32	45	53	58
Pilkington ('220)	200	35	35	42	6	10	15
	220	18	23	30	15	20	25
	240	9	14	20	27	33	38
	260	4½	9	-	45	50	-
Plessey ('153)	140	19	25	31	6	12	14
	160	10	14	18	17	21	24
	180	5	8	-	30	35	-
P & O ('532)	480	80	87	-	6	15	-
	500	55	62	77	20	27	32
	550	29	35	52	47	50	55
Prudential ('814)	800	50	72	85	46	55	65
	850	27	50	63	75	80	85
	900	17	34	-	110	115	-
Racal ('215)	200	25	32	38	8	13	15
	220	14	22	27	17	22	25
	240	8	13	-	30	35	-
RITZ ('355)	300	68	75	-	10	20	-
	330	43	50	60	18	25	30
	360	27	35	42	33	40	45
	390	14	-	-	60	-	-
Vaal Reefs ('394)	90	13	19	21	9	14	15
	100	9	14	16	16	19	23
	110	6½	11	-	24	28	-
Tr 11½% 1991 ('105)	104	1⅞	-	-	1/32	-	-
	106	7/32	-	-	1/32	-	-
	108	1/32	-	-	2⅛	-	-
	110	1/32	-	-	4⅛	-	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 ('119)	114	5/32	5⅛	-	1/32	3/32	-
	116	3/32	4⅛	-	1/32	1½	-
	118	1/32	3/32	-	1/32	2¼	-
	120	1/32	2⅜	-	1/32	3¼	-
	122	3/32	1⅝	-	3	4½	-

FT-SE INDEX ('1746)

Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1600	162	163	177	—	1	12	22	—
1650	105	120	138	150	3	22	33	45
1700	58	80	100	115	7	35	50	63
1750	23	50	72	85	23	55	70	85
1800	4½	30	47	60	57	88	100	113
1850	2	15	28	43	105	123	138	148
1900	½	7	15	22	155	168	178	180

February 22, 1988 Total: 23893 Calls 17467 Puts 6938 *Underlying security price. FT-SE: Calls 1459 Puts 2331



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RESULTS IN BRIEF	1987 £m	1986 £m
Sales	788.3	691.8
Profit before taxation	62.6	54.0
Profit after taxation	45.3	39.3
Shareholders' profit	42.3	31.1
Dividends	(17.5)	(15.2)
Profit retained	24.8	15.9
Earnings per 50p Ordinary Share	17.4p	16.3p

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

"1987 was a year of continuing progress. Pre-tax profits increased by 16%, on sales up by 14%. Our three largest businesses recorded particularly worthwhile increases.

Capital expenditure rose by 48% and gearing was reduced from 33% to 28%.

The final recommended net dividend of 4.0p makes a total of 6.7p for the year, a 12% increase on 1986.

I remain confident that, despite some international economic uncertainty, our strong portfolio of businesses will provide further opportunities for earnings growth in 1988."

Vickers

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No.	Company	Group	Gains or loss
1	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
2	Alphameric	Electricals	
3	BET Ord (aa)	Industrials A-D	
4	GRA	Leisure	
5	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
6	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
8	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
9	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
10	Eng China Clay (aa)	Industrials E-K	
11	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
12	Lon Shop	Property	
13	Beazer PLC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
14	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
15	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
16	Kwik Save	Foods	
17	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
18	Park Foods	Foods	
19	Speyhawk	Property	
20	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
21	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
22	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
23	Cumford Eng	Industrials A-D	
24	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
27	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
28	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
29	Barr (AG)	Foods	
30	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Br Land	Property	
32	Foster (John)	Textiles	
33	Bunzl (aa)	Paper,Print,Adv	
34	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
35	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Allied Lon	Property	
37	Gold Greenless	Paper,Print,Adv	
38	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
39	Tie Rack	Drapery,Stores	
40	WCRS	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Delta	Industrials A-D	
42	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
43	Dobilier	Electricals	
44	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88 High Low Stock — Price — Chge — Int. yield % — Gross Red. yield %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102⅝ 100⅜ Exch 10¾% 1988 100⅜ .. 10.4 9.988
101⅛ 99⅞ Tr 12 C 99⅝ 1988 100 .. 11.5 11.115
98⅜ 92⅜ Trans 3% 1978-88 98⅜ .. 3.1 3.066
101⅞ 94⅛ Trans 9¾% 1989 100⅝ -⅛ 9.48 9.177
105⅜ 95⅜ Trans 11¾% 1989 102⅛ .. 11.2 9.265
104⅜ 96⅛ Trans 10¾% 1989 101⅞ .. 10.3 9.374
103⅜ 96⅜ Trans 10¾% 1989 100⅝ .. 9.9 9.361
108 95⅜ Exch 10¾% 1989 103 -⅛ 8.9 8.473
105⅜ 98 Exch 11% 1989 102⅜ -⅛ 10.7 9.278
96⅝ 88⅝ Trans 8¾% 1989-92 95⅝ .. 8.4 8.781
102⅛ 93⅛ Trans C-9¾% 1989-92 100⅜ .. 9.4 8.731
96⅜ 88⅜ Trans 9% 1990 100⅜ .. 8.4 8.969
110⅜ 101⅜ Trans 13% 1990 108⅜ .. 12.2 9.269
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105⅞ 95 Exch 11% 1990 103⅝ .. 10.7 9.269
110⅜ 99⅜ Exch 12¾% 1990 107⅝ .. 11.8 9.269
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110⅜ 101⅜ Trans 11¾% 1991 105⅝ -⅛ 11.1 9.269
105⅜ 95⅜ Exch 11% 1991 103⅝ -⅛ 10.6 9.269
103⅝ 97 Exch 11% 1991 104⅜ -⅛ 10.6 9.269
98⅜ 79⅜ Trans 9% 1991 97⅜ -⅛ 8.4 7.369
99 91 Trans 9% 1991 95⅝ -⅛ 8.9 9.269
116⅝ 105 Trans 12¾% 1992 110¾ -⅛ 11.5 9.357
106⅜ 95⅜ Trans 10% 1992 102 -⅛ 9.7 9.269
108⅝ 95⅜ Trans 9% 1992 101⅜ -⅛ 8.9 9.269
95⅜ 79⅜ Trans 9% 1992 93⅜ .. 9.5 7.369
117 100⅜ Exch 12¾% 1992 110⅝ -⅛ 11.5 9.269
121 104⅜ Exch 13¾% 1992 114⅜ -⅛ 11.7 9.442

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

107⅜ 99⅜ Trans 10% 1993 102⅝ .. 9.75 9.368
113⅜ 107⅜ Trans 12¾% 1993 112⅝ .. 11.0 9.447
92⅝ 81⅜ Fund 9% 1993 91⅜ -⅛ 8.5 7.915
122⅜ 107⅜ Trans 13¾% 1993 118⅜ .. 11.8 9.517
125⅜ 113⅜ Trans 14¾% 1994 122⅜ -⅛ 11.8 9.464
134⅜ 109⅜ Exch 13¾% 1994 117⅜ -⅛ 11.4 9.553
103⅜ 89⅜ Trans 9% 1994 99⅝ .. 8.1 8.297
119⅜ 99⅜ Trans 11¾% 1995 102⅜ -⅛ 10.7 9.553
84¼ 75⅜ Gas 9% 1990-95 81⅜ -⅛ 3.6 9.553
109⅜ 97⅜ Exch 10¾% 1995 105⅜ -⅛ 8.6 9.553
123⅜ 108⅜ Trans 12¾% 1995 118⅜ -⅛ 10.8 9.553
132⅜ 114⅜ Trans 14¾% 1995 123 .. 11.9 9.553
139⅜ 118⅜ Trans 15¾% 1996 130⅜ .. 11.8 9.712
127⅜ 108⅜ Exch 13¾% 1996 120⅜ -⅛ 11.0 9.587
86⅜ 76⅜ Recd 10% 1996 84⅝ .. 9.1 9.553
106⅜ 92⅜ Trans 10% 1996 102⅜ -⅛ 9.7 9.553
46¾ 42 Trans 8¾% 1997 45⅝ .. 9.1 9.453
138⅝ 112⅜ Trans 13¾% 1997 121 .. 10.8 9.553
111⅜ 95 Exch 10¾% 1997 105⅜ -⅛ 10.2 9.553
101 95⅜ Exch 10% 1997 95⅝ .. 9.1 9.461
140 121 Exch 15% 1997 131⅜ .. 11.3 9.544
89⅝ 79⅝ Trans 9¾% 1998-06 84⅜ -⅛ 7.8 9.553
106⅜ 93⅜ Trans 10¾% 1998 101⅜ -⅛ 8.5 9.553
145⅜ 125⅜ Trans 15¾% 1998 137 -⅛ 11.3 9.553
122⅜ 107⅜ Exch 12% 1998 115⅜ .. 10.4 9.553
106⅜ 93⅜ Trans 9¾% 1998 100⅜ .. 8.4 9.553
124⅜ 107 Exch 12¾% 1998 117⅜ -⅛ 10.7 9.553
113 98 Trans 10¾% 1999 103⅜ .. 8.7 9.553
111⅜ 93⅜ Conv 10¾% 1999 104⅜ -⅛ 8.7 9.553
97⅜ 84⅜ Trans 8¾% 2000 92⅜ -⅛ 8.2 9.553
131⅝ 114⅜ Trans 15% 2000 123⅝ -⅛ 10.5 9.714
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110⅜ 94⅜ Trans 10% 2001 104⅜ -⅛ 8.6 9.553
130⅜ 98 Conv 9¾% 2001 102⅜ -⅛ 8.5 9.553
134⅜ 123⅜ Trans 15¾% 2001-01 127⅜ -⅛ 11.0 9.553
110⅜ 96⅜ Exch 10% 2002 103⅜ -⅛ 8.6 9.553
113⅜ 98⅜ Conv 10¾% 2002 104⅜ -⅛ 8.6 9.553
122⅜ 107 Exch 12% 1999-02 115⅜ -⅛ 10.3 9.553
105 93¾ Trans 9¾% 2002 102⅝ -⅛ 9.5 9.417

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111⅜ 94⅜ Trans 10% 2003 103⅝ .. 9.59 9.566
136⅜ 118⅜ Trans 13¾% 2003-05 128⅜ -⅛ 11.9 9.553
122⅜ 105 Trans 11¾% 2007-04 114⅜ .. 10.0 9.553
111⅜ 94⅜ Trans 10% 2004 105⅜ .. 9.4 9.553
39⅜ 31⅜ Fund 3¼% 1999-04 37⅝ .. 8.77 9.553
107⅜ 91⅜ Conv 9¾% 2005 101⅜ .. 9.3 9.553
107⅜ 91⅜ Trans 9¾% 2005 101⅜ .. 9.3 9.553
116⅜ 99⅜ Exch 10¾% 2005 110⅜ -⅛ 9.8 9.553
132⅜ 111⅜ Trans 12¾% 2005-09 125⅜ -⅛ 11.4 9.553
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94⅜ 79⅜ Trans 8% 2009 89⅜ -⅛ 8.2 9.553
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88⅜ 73⅜ Trans 7¾% 2012-15 83⅜ -⅛ 8.4 9.553
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133⅜ 99⅜ Trans IL 2½% 2016 109⅜ -⅛ 2.69 3.358
107⅞ 88⅜ Trans IL 2½% 2020 78⅜ -⅛ 2.69 3.358
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High Low Company — Price Bid Offer — Chge — Gross div p — Yld % — P/E

215 200 Allied Irish — 215 220 — +5 — 9.0 — 4.1 — 6.3
168 67 Ambanker (Henry) — 141 145 — +1 — 2.9a — 4.0 — 20.0
238 (3) Bk Wor 'Z' — 141 145 — +1 — .. — .. — ..
19¼ ⅞ Bankamerica Cp — ⅞ 1 — .. — .. — .. — ..
248 178 Bank of Ireland — 225 225 — +7 — 17.0b — 7.7 — ..
17 11 Barclays — 15 15⅛ — .. — 17.0 — 4.9 — 11.2
244 246 Brown Shipley — 244 246 — .. — 20.0 — 8.1 — 11.2
344 360 Charterhouse Japhet — 344 360 — .. — 28.4 — 8.2 — 11.2
48 48 Chiltern — 48 48 — .. — 3.0 — 6.3 — 10.1
83 83 Christie Hanbury — 83 83 — .. — 5.0 — 6.0 — 16.5
48 48 Citibank — 48 48 — .. — 3.0 — 6.3 — 10.1
228 228 Clydesdale Bank — 228 228 — .. — 14.0 — 6.1 — 11.2
113 113 Co-operative Bank — 113 113 — .. — 7.0 — 6.2 — 11.2
113 113 Coutts & Co — 113 113 — .. — 7.0 — 6.2 — 11.2
124 124 Duncan Lawrie — 124 124 — .. — 7.0 — 5.6 — 11.2
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lines)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	114.2	120.7		
Hi Inc Equity	112.5	120.3p	+0.4	4.85
Worldwide Gth	192.6	205.2p	+2.4	4.73
American Gth	144.8	154.5p		1.51
Asian Pacific	54.7	58.5	+0.9	2.07
Assets & Earns	121.9	130.1	+1.5	1.80
Capital Res	77.8	77.4c	+0.5	1.30
Comm Energy	84.6	89.8	+0.1	0.68
Euro Capital	94.9	99.4		1.08
General	154.3	165.0p	+1.2	2.73
Income	92.5	98.9	+0.1	
UK Gth Inc	121.3	129.7	+0.5	1.87
Do Acc	177.0	189.2	+0.8	1.28
US Emerg Co	38.9	39.4p	+0.4	0.00
Income Gth	234.0	250.2	+1.5	3.80
Master Acc	68.2	72.9	+0.3	2.51
American Inc	41.2	43.9p		1.26
Ethical Tst	39.3	42.0	+0.3	2.96

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
14, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 646079
20, Cldwell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-
324 6881

UK Growth	29.7	31.6	+0.3	3.63
N Amer Inc	23.6	25.1	+0.1	4.93
World Gth	37.5	39.9	+0.3	3.30
Extra Inc	36.6	38.9	-0.2	6.58
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	39.1	41.6p	+0.5	2.20
Amer Extra Inc	36.3	38.6p	+0.4	6.74
Australian	15.3	16.3	+0.2	4.90
Euro Tst	38.9	42.5p	+0.2	1.45
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.7	24.2c	+0.1	9.82
Global Income	33.6	35.7	+0.1	5.43
Hi Income	31.6	33.6	+0.1	8.45
Income Growth	63.6	67.3p	+0.2	4.45
International	79.2	84.3	+0.2	0.64
Japan Gen	155.8	165.8	-1.5	0.01
Special Sits	59.7	63.6	+0.7	1.41

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel:
01-837 6494

Euro Gth Acc	100.8	107.3	+0.4	1.15
Exempt	366.4	390.0p	-1.6	4.80
Far Eastern	190.8	204.7c	+0.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	76.2	81.0p	+0.4	4.00
Hi Yield	69.5	74.0	-0.4	8.69
Income & Gth	238.9	306.0	-1.4	4.60
Int Earnings	172.2	183.4	-1.2	2.96
Int Growth Inc	89.8	95.6	-0.5	1.14
Japan Gth Acc	145.8	155.9	+0.9	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	109.2	117.9p	+0.5	2.57
Preference Inc	125.8	133.7	+0.7	9.44
Smlr Co Gth	61.9	65.9p	+0.1	1.70
Smlr Co Gth Inc	255.8	281.5p	+0.5	1.58
Spec Sits Inc	122.2	129.4	+0.7	1.91
UK Growth	357.6	378.5p	+2.3	1.39

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL.
0793 23231 Dealings 0483 510366

High Income	287.5	304.8	+2.5	4.75
Equity Inc	164.1	173.9p	+1.4	4.42
High Yield	110.7	117.3	+1.0	5.47
Balanced	395.0	418.5	+4.7	3.33
Amer Inc	28.9	30.6p	+0.1	
World Ass Val	34.7	36.8	+0.2	1.56
Japan	135.5	143.6		0.00
Spc of Amer	180.8	192.8	+1.8	1.13
Asset Value	280.7	297.5	+2.5	3.58
O'seas Earn	193.9	205.5	+2.0	3.34
Recovery	92.5	97.5	-0.9	2.34
UK Spec Sits	242.4	256.9c	+2.1	2.79
Smlr Co	183.5	173.2p	+1.6	1.92
Capital	238.7	253.0	+2.7	3.45
Amer Spec Sit	94.9	99.6	+0.5	1.91
International	88.7	93.2p	+0.5	1.70
Growth & Inc	141.8	150.3	+1.4	3.70
Euro Gth	17.4	18.5		1.30
Pacific	203.0	216.2	+1.9	0.38
2nd Smlr Co	198.8	210.7	+1.0	1.46

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5644

Capital	74.5	79.2p	+0.7	3.22
Euro Gth Inc	58.1	61.8	+0.2	2.06
Extra Income	91.2	97.0	+0.4	5.06
General	159.0	169.1	+1.3	3.39
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.7	90.0p	+0.4	4.86
Income Tst	380.8	405.1p	+3.6	4.18
Int Income	47.9	50.8	+0.1	4.62
Smlr Co Inc	36.3	38.6	+0.2	1.31

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 3002

American EVS				
Australia	50.7	55.5	+1.9	0.00
Eastern	59.3	63.4p	+0.6	0.00
Equity Inc	65.6	69.7	+0.5	5.30
Europe	111.6	118.6	-0.2	0.10
Exempt Tst	54.9	58.4p		1.50
Growth & Inc	70.9	75.4p	+0.7	2.10
Do Acc	110.4	117.4p	+1.0	2.10
Global Gth	57.6	61.5	+0.1	1.30
Japan Spec	136.4	146.2p	+2.0	0.10
Japan Sun	150.4	160.8	-1.7	0.00
First Europe	98.2	104.4	+0.2	0.90
First Japan	100.4	110.4	+1.0	0.00
First N Amer	38.1	41.9p	+0.3	1.30
First Smlr Co	61.8	67.0	+0.9	1.40
N Amer Spec	38.0	40.4	+0.3	0.30
UK Growth	57.8	61.5c	+0.1	5.19

BROWN SHIPLEY
5-17, Heyrnarket Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	151.2	162.5p	+1.9	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	265.8	316.2	+1.1	0.64
Do Inc	178.5	191.9	+0.8	0.84
High Income	77.1	82.9	+0.1	5.29
Income	92.7	99.7	+0.5	5.16
Main Portf Inc	84.1	90.5p	+0.6	2.25
Do Acc	143.1	153.9p	+1.0	2.25
Nth American	48.0	49.4	+0.3	3.21
Orient	93.4	100.4	+0.1	0.10
Exempt	263.9	297.3	-5.1	2.22
Recovery	61.0	65.6	+0.2	0.35
General	22.0	23.6	-0.1	1.52
Int Recov	22.7	24.4	-0.1	1.00
Europe	16.0	17.2	+0.1	3.91
Conv General	23.6	25.3	+0.5	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 623 2348

Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	60.8	64.7	-0.2	1.90
General Inc 4	244.4	260.0	-3.4	3.23
Do Acc 4	356.6	424.1	-3.7	3.23
Income Fd 2	125.7	134.1	-1.0	5.30
Do Acc 3	234.3	249.3	-1.9	5.30
Int Inc 2	104.9	111.5p	+0.3	1.64
Do Acc 2	141.8	150.9p	+0.4	1.64
Smlr Inc 5	87.4	93.0	-0.1	1.91
Do Acc	94.6	100.6	-0.1	1.91

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olney Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	30.4	32.3p	+0.2	3.12
Income	39.2	41.7p	+0.4	4.66
Far East	27.1	28.8p	+0.3	0.74
Nth American	28.3	29.8p	+0.3	0.74
Global	42.7	45.4c	+0.2	0.76
European	39.1	41.6		1.29
Japan	86.2	91.7	+0.3	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	379.4	403.7	+3.7	2.69
Income	336.6	358.1	+3.2	5.44
Nth Amer	230.9	245.7	+1.9	1.34

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
31, Penn Street, London EC2Y 8AG

01-588 1815				
Income	413.8Z	●	::	5.05
Acc	£12.6662	●	::	
Deposit	100.0	::	::	6.30

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
76/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2Y 9DP
01-606 4622
S/C Spec Sit 89.3 92.8 .. 0.45

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narroway Place, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373283

Amer Gth	18.9	20.1	+0.1	1.15
Adas Gth	21.4	22.7		1.44
Dragon Gth	19.1	20.3	+0.2	2.11
Equity Hi Inc	54.0	57.2	+0.2	4.90
European Gth	23.4	24.8		2.00
Gen Equity	45.9	48.6	+0.2	2.98
G/F Interst Gth	30.1	34.5	+0.5	7.50
Gilt & Fixed Inc	28.5	30.2	+0.5	8.86
Int Income Tst	22.6	24.0p	+0.2	5.74
Japan Gth	45.8	48.2	+0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	22.7	24.4	+0.1	2.34
Special Sits	33.9	35.9	+0.1	2.20

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P
3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

UK & Gen Inc	50.2	54.0	+0.5	3.72
Do Acc	52.1	55.4	+0.5	3.72
Income Inc	53.4	56.8c	+0.4	4.00
Do Acc	54.9	58.4c	+0.4	4.00
Worldwide Inc	41.3	44.3p	+0.5	1.32
Do Acc	41.6	44.5p	+0.4	1.32
Guernsey Inc	32.2	34.2p	+0.3	1.14
Do Acc	33.2	34.2p	+0.3	1.14
Amer Gth	51.6	55.2	+0.5	0.66
Euro Gth	89.1	95.6	+0.2	0.40
Far East	58.2	61.9	+0.4	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	::	::	::	
World Bond	::	::	::	

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 6033

Amer Tst	104.5	111.5	..	0.90
Capital Fd	18.8	20.0	+0.1	
European Tst	84.7	90.3		
Growth Tst	248.0	265.0p	+2.6	3.35
High Income	95.2	101.4	+0.6	5.76
Int Tech Tst	98.8	105.4	+0.1	
Investment	29.6	27.3	+0.3	
Japanese Tst	210.6	223.5c	-0.1	
Main Inc	24.8	26.4	+0.2	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL
0737-242424

European Gth	48.5	52.2	+0.1	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	35.1	38.6	+0.2	3.50
Income	35.1	48.6	+0.2	5.00
N Amer Gth	39.0	42.0	+0.2	0.00
Pacific Gth	50.0	53.6	+0.2	0.00
UK Gth Inc	59.7	64.1	+0.3	0.50
Do Dist	58.4	62.6	+0.6	0.50
UK Income	56.3	60.6	+0.5	4.60

EFR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-
226 3492

American Fd	57.1	60.8	+0.3	1.84
Capital Fd	118.5	126.3	+0.8	1.35
Eurofund	21.3	22.7	-0.1	1.32
Growth & Inc	162.5	173.0p	+1.6	4.46
High Dist Fd	170.1	181.1	+1.7	4.86
Inflationproof	190.6	203.2	+1.1	1.11
Pacific Fd	19.4	20.7	+0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.8	22.1		0.00
Smlr Jap Co	13.2	14.0	+0.1	
Tokyo Fd	188.2	200.4	..	0.00
Eq Amer 2	113.0	119.1	..	1.56
Eq Japan 3	114.5	117.6	..	0.31
Eq Pacific 4	240.0	255.2	..	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	243.2	249.9	..	0.19

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53
7LG Tel: 0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	86.9	85.8	+0.9	2.83
Do Acc	84.3	89.4	+0.9	2.72
UK Gth Acc	115.1	122.1	+1.3	2.23
UK High Inc	91.2	96.8	+0.5	4.82
N Amer Acc	60.8	64.9	+0.7	1.08
Far East Acc	114.8	121.6	+0.3	0.84
European Acc	85.6	70.2	-0.4	1.45
Int Bond Acc	57.7	60.5	+0.6	8.50
Do Acc	64.8	68.5	+0.7	7.59
Int Spec Sits	36.6	39.0	+0.1	1.86

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford
RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 68666

Endurance	110.6	117.7	..	1.48

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel:
0296 481480

Equit Pefd	87.9	93.6	+0.7	3.42
High Income	92.1	98.0	+0.7	4.89
Gt/Fxd Interst	52.5	55.9	+0.6	7.52
Tst Of Inv Tsts	78.8	83.9p	+0.6	2.05
Spec Sits Tst	92.3	98.3	+1.0	2.70
Nth Amer Tst	93.2	58.8	+0.5	1.63
Far East Tst	107.3	114.2	+0.6	0.35
Int Growth	49.9	53.1c	+0.3	1.56
European Tst	37.9	40.4	+0.2	1.98

EQUITY & LAW
St. Georges Hse Corporation St. Coventry
CV1 1HY Tel: 0203 522231

UK Gen Inc	168.2	175.8	..	3.50
Do Inc	138.6	147.6	..	3.50
Higher Inc Acc	308.0	326.5	..	4.59
Do Inc	235.7	250.7	..	4.59
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.8	116.6	..	8.34
Do Inc	86.1	90.6	..	8.34
N Amer Acc	113.2	120.4	..	0.14
Far East Acc	202.0	214.8	..	0.00
Euro Gth Acc	158.3	168.3	..	3.49
Gen Tst	244.7	260.3	..	3.69
Int Excel	37.3	39.6	..	2.37
Br Fdmtls Inc	50.0			
Do Acc	50.0			

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R
0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

US Gen Co	52.1	55.5	+0.1	0.86
UK Inc Fd	86.9	95.7	+0.1	4.95
Far East Fd	86.0	93.7	+0.2	0.00
Overseas Inc	57.7	61.4	+0.5	4.56
Fxd Interest	58.5	62.3	+1.1	9.18

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Natural Res Fd	52.5	55.9	+0.3	2.17
European Inc	57.0	60.7p	+0.6	2.54
Financials Fd	43.5	44.9p	+0.2	2.75
Int Tech Fd	98.3	104.6	+0.5	0.91

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
180, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel:
041-332 3132

Britan Gth Acc	61.3	65.2	+0.6	
Do Inc	58.8	62.6	+0.6	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	27.1	28.8	..	
Do Inc	25.9	27.7	..	6.40
Inc Gth Acc	52.0	55.4	..	
Do Inc	46.5	49.5	..	5.60
Serv Co Acc	63.1	67.3	..	
Do Inc	62.0	66.0	+0.7	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	20.7	22.0	+0.1	
Do Inc	20.7	22.0	+0.1	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.1	16.1c	-0.1	1.00
Do Inc	15.1	16.1c	-0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Fiver Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel:
Calliner 0689 4144161

American	96.4	102.1	+1.1	1.24
Amer Equity Inc	28.5	28.4e	+0.1	1.41
Asset Spec Sit	43.1	46.4	+0.2	2.40
Australia	19.5	20.8	-0.2	
European	48.8	53.2		
European Inc	20.0	21.3p	+0.1	4.56
Global Conv	21.8	23.0	-0.1	6.38
Far East Inc	38.5	39.9		0.77
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.7	23.9p	+0.3	9.82
Growth & Inc	169.1	116.7	-0.2	4.37
Japan Spec Sit	97.7	72.5p	+0.1	..
Japan	163.8	172.5	+1.6	
Man Interest	118.5	127.2	+0.7	0.99
Inc Plus	102.9	110.1	+1.3	4.77
Pension Manc	37.1	39.7	-0.4	2.72
SE Asia	39.6	32.8	+0.1	0.00
Spec Sit	124.0	130.6	+0.8	0.83
Eastern Opps	21.2	22.6p	+0.2	
Intl Bond	24.5	26.2	+0.1	8.47
Recovery	26.1	28.0	+0.1	2.61
Moneybuilder	23.8	25.0	..	

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall,
London EC2M 5NH Tel: 01-628 6181

Amer/Gen Inc	180.5	193.8	..	..
Do Acc	184.0	177.6	..	..
Amer Tum Inc	172.6	182.6	-0.1	1.08
Do Acc	179.9	189.4	-0.1	1.08
Capital Inc	260.5	276.6	+1.8	2.28
Do Acc	321.1	339.7	+2.1	2.28
Conv/Gth Inc	160.9	169.7	+0.3	3.48
Do Acc	142.1	150.3	+0.3	3.48
European Inc	51.5	54.5	+0.3	1.17
Do Acc	51.8	54.8	+0.3	1.17
Extra Inc Inc	223.4	236.4p	+1.1	4.66
Do Acc	223.4	236.4p	+1.1	4.66
Financial Acc	43.5	46.0	+0.1	0.75
Do Inc	43.3	45.8	..	0.75
Income Tst	150.4	159.1	-0.7	4.43
Do Inc	145.6	176.7	-0.7	
Int Growth Inc	141.1	149.3	+0.8	..
Do Acc	156.7	165.8	+0.9	..
Japan/Gen Inc	51.0	54.0	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	114.1	120.7p	+0.1	..
Monthly Inc Fd	114.7	121.3p	+0.1	4.88
PEP 88	48.7	51.5	+0.1	2.42
Recovery	117.7	124.5	+1.1	1.29
Do Acc	183.9	194.5p	+2.2	1.29
Smaller Inc	51.9	54.9c	+0.2	3.21
Do Acc	51.9	54.9c	+0.2	3.21

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel:
Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411922

Equity Dist	219.3	230.9	-1.2	2.91
Do Acc	219.3	230.9	-1.2	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	51.4	54.6	+0.1	0.91
Do Acc	51.4	54.6	+0.1	0.91
Fxd Interest Dl	116.5	122.7	+0.4	8.57
Do Acc	147.9	155.7	+0.4	8.57
Int Gth Dist	51.5	54.7	+0.2	1.37
Do Acc	51.5	54.7	+0.2	1.37
Nth Amer Dist	108.2	114.9	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	108.2	114.9p	+0.6	0.00
Pac Basin Dist	170.3	180.9p	+1.7	0.16
Do Acc	170.5	181.1p	+1.7	0.16
Steward Dist	224.0	238.0p	-0.4	0.82
Do Acc	224.0	238.4	-0.4	0.82
Steward Inc Dl	53.1	56.3p	-0.2	3.55
Do Acc	53.6	56.9p	-0.2	3.55
N Am Stwd Dl	45.9	48.7p	+0.1	1.88
Do Acc	45.9	53.0	+0.1	1.88

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M
4YE
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Spec Sit	53.2	56.7	+0.4	0.70
UK Cap Inc	122.6	131.7p	+1.6	2.72
Do Acc	131.1	140.2	+2.5	2.70
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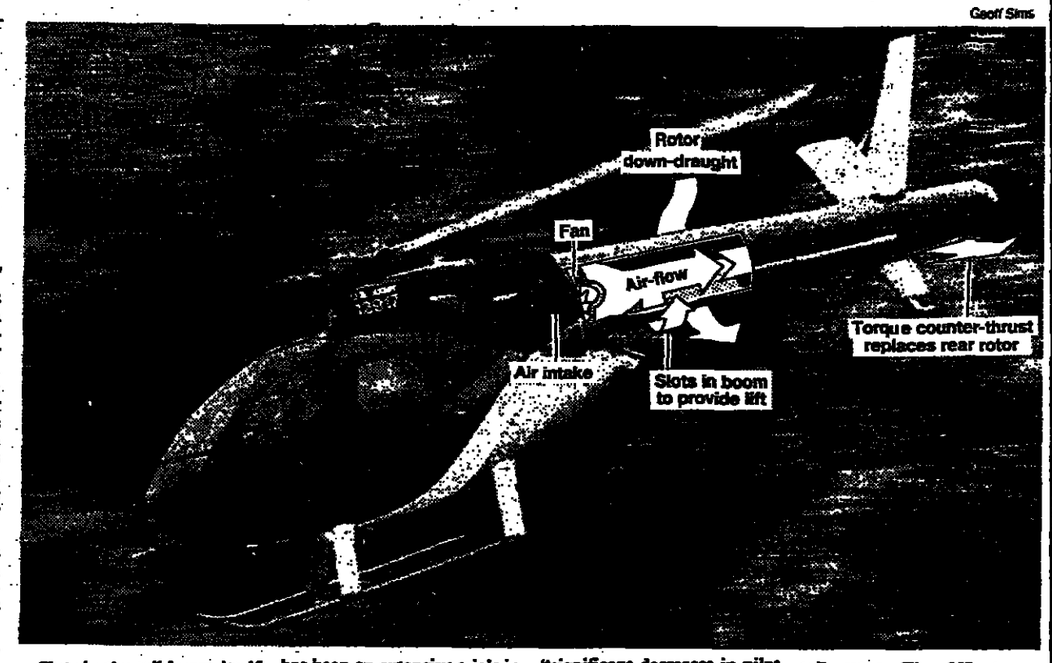
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TECHNOLOGY

Look! No tail rotor

Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, reports on an American invention that promises to solve a design problem that has long bedevilled the helicopter

Geoff Sims



American scientists have perfected a revolutionary design for a helicopter with no tail rotor. Helicopters have always been plagued by the need for a rotor at the rear to counter the torque created by the main blades. Pilots say that it makes flying a helicopter complex and users complain of the noise, complicated machinery and reduced performance.

Now McDonnell Douglas has produced a novel design which has excited both military and civilian operators throughout the United States.

Instead of the tail rotor they have built a fan inside the fuselage of the helicopter which pushes air along the tail boom. It is then vented out through nozzles at the rear of the boom which automatically counters the helicopter's natural efforts to "windmill" along with the main rotors.

Slots in the tail boom itself also provide lift by speeding up the flow of air created by the down-draught of the main rotor on one side, making handling easier and lighter.

The system is known as Notar — no tail rotor — and has been on extensive trials in different helicopters. Now McDonnell Douglas is so convinced the system will work it is to produce a full production model, known as the MD 520N, for certification next year. McDonnell Douglas claims that tests have shown "significant decreases in pilot work-load, greatly increased safety to pilot and ground personnel and enhanced flight characteristics".

Until now, only large helicopters with twin rotors, such as the Chinook, have avoided the complications created by a tail rotor. The US Army, which has tested Notar in a series of secret trials, is convinced it will prove invaluable in enabling helicopters to hide nearer to woods and trees by backing into the foliage without running the risk of the tail rotor hitting branches.

PERSPECTIVE

Space: coming last in the final frontier

There are few more important issues in Britain today than the provision and exploitation of technology. We are a small country and unable to play a leading role in world trade in all areas of technology simultaneously yet we have a great deal of talent.

In the future the benefits of North Sea oil will recede, and the short-fall must be made good from increased returns to the exploitation of our human resources in export markets.

Some of our international competitors, such as France, Germany and Japan, have not had the benefit of the such indigenous natural resources, and therefore have already structured their industries to capture extensive overseas business.

We must ensure that our income is based on businesses and industry which are knowledge-intensive. These industries must use the technologies of highest growth and importance, including those relating to information, communication, biotechnology, materials and certain ones concerned with energy.

The British ae very good at science and technology, so what is the problem? It is the old one that we are excellent at invention, often poor at application, and often hopeless at following through and taking advantage from our innovative position. Space provides some classical examples.

Twenty years ago we had a lead position in Europe in space-launch vehicles, but this was rejected by the politicians, and now continental Europe, led by the French, enjoys nearly £2 billion of worldwide orders for the Ariane satellite-launch vehicles.

There has been a greater aversion in recent decades to taking a risk — never more acutely visible than in the finance community, who prefer to wait for a track record to be established before putting in money at even extremely limited risk.

By then it is often too late, for the opportunity has slid away to other countries where people are more prepared to do their homework, size up the risk, and if reasonable, support a project. There is a threshold of expenditure in major projects below which money spent is wasted: representing the worst of both worlds — no flexibility of choice, no strength to influence the programmes — no access to new work and so on.

There are various examples, not least in space, where we are grossly below that threshold.

Our competitors are by no means the obvious ones in the future, as was exemplified by a recent study we did for Nato which demonstrated that there will be a major threat to the defence industries of Europe in the future from the Japanese — largely because of their domination of micro-electronic components which account for typically some 20 percent of a defence project.



By Geoffrey Pardoe

Such components will be supplied from ostensibly civil programmes, but here again it is extremely important to understand the lack of a clear division between civil and defence activities, and to take maximum advantage from the transposition of experience in both directions in these sectors.

Until some 15 or 20 years ago defence-project requirements generally stimulated the most advanced performance, and equipment processes and indeed management. No longer is this true, as civil needs in space and communications now represent the leading edge of performance.

It is clear that we cannot afford prestige projects for their own sake. But it is vital to have a demonstrated technological capability to establish confidence in the world that Britain can deliver the best.

Is space merely a prestige project? Certainly it's full impact and importance is little understood, even in the more visible manifestations of space stations, manned space flight and space exploration.

Space is a deeply serious collective focus of many technologies which by direct or indirect application are essential to the nation for future growth.

It is a fact of fundamental importance that the citizens of our country seem to have missed; but it needs explaining why some 25 other nations, large and small, have national space policies and space programmes which their governments are supporting to an increasing extent. Britain is the one country in the world whose public funding on space is declining in real terms.

Continental European industrialists have been saying that what could not have been achieved in technical competition has now been handed to them on a plate by British politicians.

This is an extremely worrying situation, true not only in space but in other major projects. We should be aware that investment made now yields commercial benefit only after some 15 years or more.

We surely need improved awareness of how technology, which is the life blood of our society fits into it. The resources of human talent that we have in our engineers, scientists and business men is one the outside world coverts, but one which our nation sometimes views with diffidence.

● *The author is chairman and managing director of General Technology Systems, which has provided consultancy services in over 50 countries*

Pharaohs' secrets fall to science

By Pearce Wright

Some of the most successful inventions come from exploiting existing technologies in a new way rather than from a sudden insight from painstaking research in chemistry, physics or biology.

Innovation probably relies more on the process identified by Edward de Bono as lateral thinking than on the discovery of new knowledge.

A remarkable example of the genre, as the critics might say, is the latest development of a technology that has brought together archaeologists, nuclear-power engineers and designers of video-recording systems.

The archaeologist and nuclear engineer share a common interest. They need equipment to inspect objects in dark, inaccessible places. Both groups are now benefitting from a new type of remote-control camera system.

The archaeologists are using it for an expedition of the National Geographic Society to investigate a limestone pit lying in the shadow of the Great Pyramids.

It is believed to contain one of the extraordinary objects of antiquity known as the Cheops funerary boats. These are the objects which Egyptologists believe were buried with Pharaohs as boats to carry their spirits on an eternal trip through the heavens.

However, the Egyptian government agreed to the current expedition by the Geographical Society only on condition that minimum disturbance occurred at the sealed chamber by the Great Pyramids.

So the archaeologists devised a new method of inspection with the help of Tim Taylor, a video-systems engineer. They modified a camera system that was originally devised to look into nuclear reactors.

But the new system included a development perfected at the research laboratores of the Central Electricity Generating Board which enables high-quality pictures to be obtained from places where only a minimum amount of lighting is possible.

At the Egyptian site, the expedition wanted to take samples of air from within the chamber, which had, the expedition hoped, remained uncontaminated for 4,600 years in addition to viewing the ancient objects. Camera equipment, with a zoom lens, was lowered through the lock. The camera head incorporated a novel method for piping light into the chamber.

The light came along a 200-metre, fibre-optic cable that was connected to the remote-control unit. The use of a fibre-optic light beam solved the problem of heat when trying to incorporate a conventional lamp into the head of a camera.

Nevertheless, when there is still inadequate lighting, a second advance provides high-quality video pictures.

The techniques are referred to as Isisi — increased sensitivity by image sensing integration — and Chop — control of highlight over-load on photo-conductive tubes.

What these provide are an increase of up to 30 times in the sensitivity of the camera with the ability to take good pictures in conditions where there is low lighting power and an improvement in the picture contrast between the black-and-white levels so that highlight and shadowy areas can be viewed simultaneously.

EVENTS

- **Entrepeneurs** Exhibition, March 3-5, Business Design Centre, Islington, London (01-493 0000)
- **Cebit Hanover Fair**, March 16-23, Messegelande, Hanover
- **Electron & BBC Micro Show**, March 18-20, UMIST, Manchester (0625 878888)
- **Cadcam 88**, March 22-24, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (01-608 1161)
- **Visit Recruitment Fair**, March 25-26, Cumberland Hotel, London, (01-262 1234)
- **Computer Recruitment Fair**, March 25-26, Rainbow Rooms, London (0491 681010)
- **Computers in Retailing**, March 29-31, Metropole Hotel, Brighton (01-834 1717)
- **Scottish Computer Show**, April 12-14, Glasgow (01-891 5051)
- **Computer Recruitment Fair**, April 15-16, New Century Hall, Manchester (0491 681010)

Strange case of the bottle-tops

Why should a process for sealing aluminium tops to plastic milk bottles suddenly go wrong, when for years it has produced half a million a week, *writes Pearce Wright.* The detective work that revealed why the metal and polymer suddenly failed to bond was cited last week, by Dr Geoffrey Thornton, as an illustration of the benefits of research in the field of surface science.

The answer to the bottle-top problem lay in contamination, at levels of less than 10 parts per million, in the aluminium foil by magnesium. One of the properties of the contaminating element is that it migrates to the surface of the aluminium. Once there, even though in trace amounts, it disrupts the bonding process.

Dr Thornton, who will be deputy director of a new university research centre on surface science to start work at Liverpool University in June, referred to the case last week to demonstrate how this esoteric sounding area of research is gaining in importance for industry.

An investment of £10 million over six years in the centre by the Science and Engineering Research Council, over six years, also marks the economic relevance that is being attached to surface science.

The establishment of the *centre came on the adivice of* leading industrial scientists from companies, as well as academic researchers. If another £2 million comes from contract research for industry and the University Grants Committee supports the centre, the new unit will be a formidable international leader.

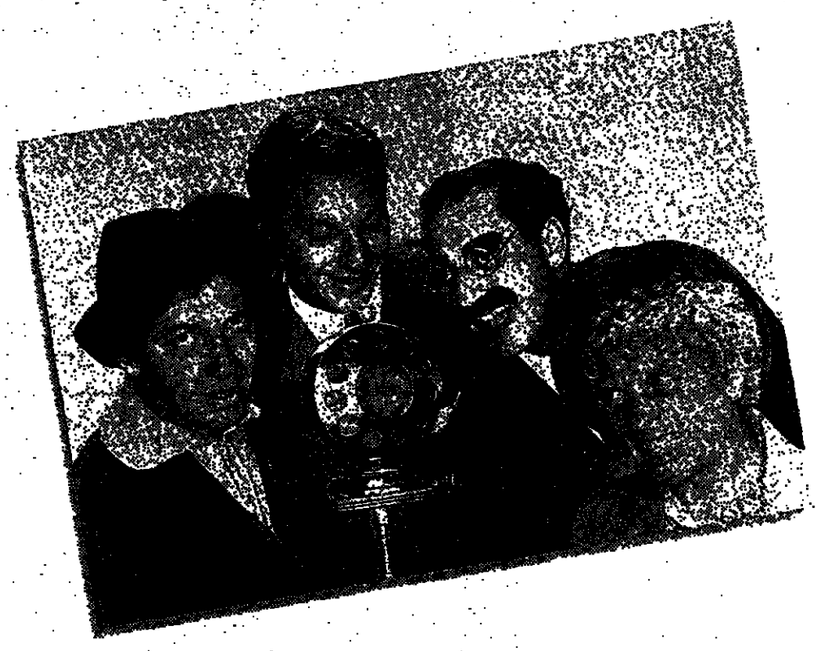
Further, the Liverpool group will be one of four so-called Interdisciplinary Research Centres, IRCs, which establish a break with the past in the funding of basic research of universities in the UK.

Another £5 million will establish an IRC in engineering design at Glasgow University, and one in molecular sciences at Oxford.

A start on the establishment of IRCs began two months ago with a grant of £4.5 million to Cambridge. That is for a centre to carry out work on high-temperature super conductivity.

A decision on a fifth IRC has been taken for work in "synthesis and characterization of semiconductor and novel materials". The start of that centre, to be based at Imperial College, London, will depend on the availability of funds.

Dr Neville Richardson, director of the new IRC, said the initial scientific programme was aimed at four areas that had implications for advances in micro-electronics, the design of catalysts for the chemical industry, in understanding corrosion and fatigue of metals.



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TECHNOLOGY

Big Blue gets a jump ahead of its rivals

The giant throws down a gauntlet

From David Sanger in New York

Seeking to out-manoeuvre several Japanese competitors, IBM has introduced an operating system for its largest computers. It said the system would be provided without charge to owners of its most advanced mainframes.

The new product should increase the efficiency with which IBM mainframes manipulate billions of bits of data. It appears to be a change that will take competitors such as Fujitsu, Hitachi and other makers of IBM-compatible mainframes perhaps up to two years to replicate. By providing the new operating system to its customers, IBM made it clear that it was sending a message to corporate users that have switched to less-expensive Japanese equipment.

"I don't feel really bad if customers who chose something else feel left out," said Carl Conti, who heads IBM Enterprise Systems, the newly formed organization that develops the company's largest computers. IBM also announced two new versions of the 3090E, two new models of its mid-sized 4381 processors and several new systems for high-capacity data storage that had long been urged by IBM users.

IBM has been under increasing pressure to raise sales of its mainframes, historically the company's most profitable machines. More and more, analysts and IBM users say the current 3090 line is under-powered. Many have chosen to buy less-expensive older models — often used equipment — rather than invest in IBM's state-of-the-art equipment.

Now IBM seems to have made that choice more difficult. The new operating system, built around what IBM calls a new Enterprise System Architecture, will run existing application programs written for IBM mainframes. But a range of new application programs will be written to take advantage of the more powerful software announced last week, so many owners of older equipment will ultimately be forced to upgrade their equipment.

The announcement will chiefly benefit users who run huge programs on IBM equipment, especially for numerically intensive engineering and mathematical tasks.

The new IBM operating system will allow its mainframes to "address," about 16 trillion characters of data, roughly an 8,000-fold improvement over the current system.

But performance advantages will be minimal, at least initially. The company said its largest processor should run about 12 percent faster under the new operating system.

It would not make any predictions about speed increases in the overall computer systems, which involve far more equipment.

IBM's move is the latest tactic in a never-ending war of one-upsmanship between the world's biggest computer maker and the companies that offer compatible equipment.

Often, IBM simply makes hardware changes that increase the speed of a machine.

Pressure on IBM continues

From Geof Wheelwright in New York

The last week has been tough on IBM, the world's biggest computer company, as leading competitors outlined plans aimed at reducing the giant's domination. Apple Computer has given more details of the equipment it will produce to make its Macintosh micros connect with Digital Equipments.

At a trade show in New York last week, no fewer than 20 software companies —including large firms such as Ashton-Tate and Lotus — were showing new versions of their software packages that include such built in links, a keen demand for the tie-up.

Ironically, it was the release last year of Apple's Macintosh II — which can run IBM PC applications — that allowed the Apple and DEC deal to bear fruit. The fact that the Mac II could use IBM software — although very few corporations have been seen to use it for the purpose — allowed the machine to fulfil the IBM-compatibility tick-box on corporate buyers' checklists. Once inside corporations, however, people have been using the machines for running Apple's own easier-to-use software and linking to minicomputers.

IBM is following the move towards easier to use software with the OS/2 Presentation Manager system to be released later this year.

Before it arrives, however, many other manufacturers are starting to release the OS/2 operating system, which will allow PC-compatible computers using the 286 and 386 computer processors to run more than one task at a time.

No mimics on the tapped line

By Robert Matthews

Last week's announcement that Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has set up a joint venture with the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel to develop data security products, highlights just how sophisticated the field has become in recent years.

The cryptographic techniques that the new company, called News Datacom, is to exploit are far removed from the cipher wheels and Enigma machines of the popular imagination.

Professor Adi Shamir, technical advisor to the new company and professor of applied mathematics at the Institute, is world famous for his work in data security techniques.

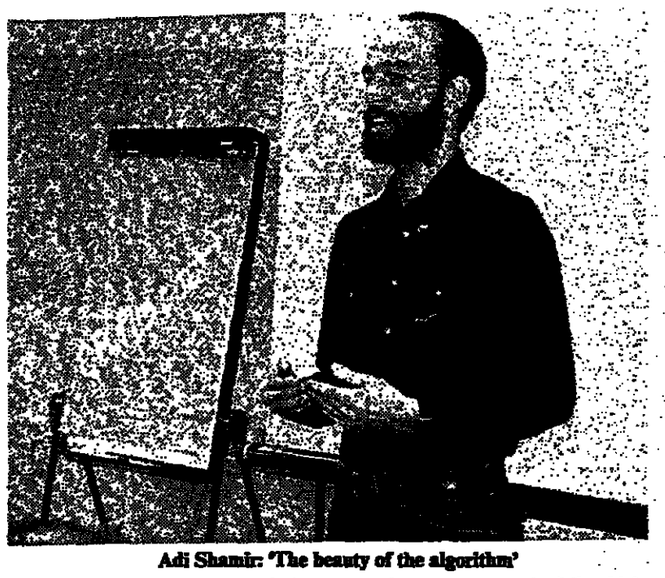
News Datacom has exclusive use of one of his most important breakthroughs: the Fiat-Shamir algorithm, a way of ensuring that communication is taking place between authorized end-users, which cannot be mimicked by a third party, even if the communication line is being tapped.

This ability, which makes it far superior to other user identification techniques, such as passwords, results from the use of so-called "zero-knowledge proofs", a concept developed by mathematicians in 1985.

This enables one end-user to convince another of their true identity to any degree of accuracy by answering questions about a subject whose full nature is never revealed.

An analogy helps to explain the idea behind the technique.

Suppose Jack needs to convince Jill that he is who he claims to be. Jack has a huge map which he knows only he and Jill have. On this map there are two points, A and B, which Jill can see are connected by a series of roads.



Adi Shamir: 'The beauty of the algorithm'

Jack can convince Jill of his identity by proving that he knows how to get between two points, A and B on the map. However, wary of eavesdroppers, he offers to explain how to get from A or from B to a randomly-chosen point along the roads between them.

This obviates the need to give the route between A or B in full, which eavesdroppers could write down and use to fool Jill into thinking they have the map too.

Jack simply asks Jill to say whether she wants to start from A, or from B. The law of probability means that if Jack were simply guessing the route from the specified starting point, he would give the wrong route at least 50 per cent of the time.

By repeating this procedure many times with lots of different, randomly-chosen points, Jack can convince Jill he really does have the map to any degree of accuracy she wants, but the full route from A to B is never revealed.

The analogy is not perfect: it is conceivable that by eavesdropping on the conversations between Jack and Jill enough times, all the routes could be recorded, enabling the map to be reconstructed.

The Fiat-Shamir algorithm gets around this problem by using a technique developed by Professor Shamir and two American mathematicians in the mid-1970s. This is based on a so-called "trapdoor" function: a mathematical operation that is easy to carry out, but very difficult to undo. It gets its name from the analogy of trying to escape from a vast, pitch-dark room by finding a tiny trapdoor.

Specifically, the Fiat-Shamir algorithm exploits the computational difficulty of breaking down a very large (say, 100 digit) number into two roughly equal prime factors.

Put simply, the use of RSA, as well as zero-knowledge proofs means that, even if eavesdroppers do find out what the two end-users are talking about, they face an extremely long task breaking down the information they have into anything they can exploit in future.

The beauty of the algorithm, explains Professor Shamir, is that it can be built into hardware that will fit even on "smart cards", and enables the identity of end-users to be checked in less than a second.

A new medium for storage

By Matthew May

Digital paper is the latest buzzword coined by scientists to describe a new and extremely cheap form of data storage.

Last week scientists from ICI Electronics announced a way of storing information optically based on laser technology and a plastic film. It holds out the promise both of providing a huge capacity and costing less than a third of a penny for each megabyte used.

The plastic film used is thinly coated with a dye sensitive to infra-red and burnt off with a laser. It means that the film cannot be reused — it is "write only" in computer jargon — but because of the low cost ICI believes it will be thrown away quite happily when no longer needed "just like paper".

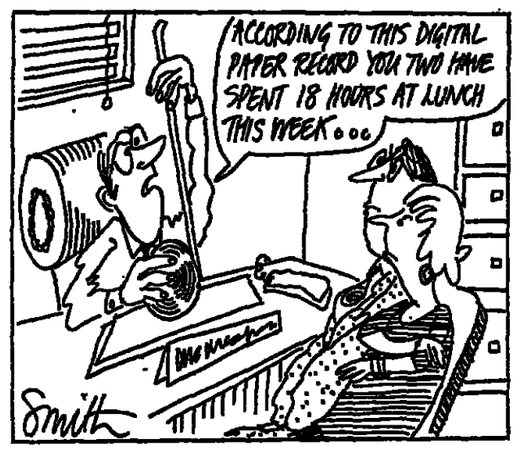
A Canadian company, Creo, has been working with ICI for a year on a tape and drive unit using the technology that will store a "terabyte" of information equivalent to 500 million pages of A4 text. The average access time to retrieve a piece of information would be 28 seconds.

More modestly a 2,400 foot reel of half inch tape could store 6000 gigabytes capable of storing the contents of 1000 compact discs or 300 full-length feature films. Future laser technology could double the storage density. Drives for disc versions of the "paper" are being designed by a US-based firm Iomega.

Such awesome capacities as the terabytemay seem to have little practical application but one use envisaged is for companies to use the technology to store its entire computer activity each day providing audit trails and a complete record to track back to if necessary.

Other potential uses include the storage of the massive quantity of satellite data available as well as document imaging. Digital paper — so called says ICI because like paper it is flexible, robust and low cost — could be made into tapes, sheets, discs or other shapes depending on the equipment used to read them.

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TECHNOLOGY

Row over Euro TV standards

Last week a group of 10 British satellite television channels came together to make an unprecedented joint announcement. It constituted both good and bad news for the Astra satellite project, which hopes to achieve lift-off this autumn.

The good news was that for the first time the channels admitted publicly that they were keen to take slots on the 16-channel Astra satellite, whose "footprint" will cover virtually the whole of western Europe.

The bad news was that they wanted their programmes transmitted not in the standard favoured by Astra, along with most European satellite broadcasters and consumer electronics manufacturers, known as D2-MAC, but in the more powerful D-MAC system developed in Britain and due to be used by the UK's own direct-broadcast satellite venture, BSB.

The decision is a blow to Astra's hopes of becoming a supplier of truly "pan-European" services, because most potential viewers in continental Europe will have D2-MAC receivers and will be unable to receive channels broadcast using the different standard.

On the other hand, it is good news for potential viewers in Britain if D-MAC receivers can be made available in time for the start of the Astra service. Television sets or satellite TV decoders capable of receiving D-MAC will also be able to handle D2-MAC signals. The full range of Astra channels, whatever their language or country of origin, will thus be available to British viewers.



● Nick Higham reports from the battlefront of Astra European satellite project, which hopes to have lift-off in the autumn

The big question is whether D-MAC receivers will be ready in time for Astra's launch. The anwer is almost certainly no. At present, microchips capable of handling both standards are still in development, and until they are commercially available, no TV set manufacturer can put a MAC receiver on the market.

Whatever the system, a receiver, decoder and external receiving dish will retail at around £385 — or £500 for viewers who choose to buy a new TV set with the satellite receiver built-in.

The D2-MAC option is favoured by manufacturers of more than 70 per cent of the television sets sold in Europe, especially those which already use ITT's Digivision system in their sets. They include the Dutch electronic giant Philips, Thomson in France — which now owns the UK's main set manufacturer, Ferguson — and the Scandianvian Salora-Luxor.

Meanwhile a rival consortium, including the British electroncis compan,y Plessey, and Elcoma, a chip-manufacturing subsidiary of Philips, have been working on a "multi-MAC" chip capable of receiving and decoding signals in D-MAC, D2-MAC, and, ultimately the more powerful C-MAC transmission standard developed in Britain in the early 1980s.

At the end of last year the multi-MAC consortium succeeded in producing a working prototype of their chip. It also promises to have it available in sufficient quantities for production by mid-summer, and to have 200,000 available to manufacturers by the end of the year.

Not only will the multi-MAC chip enable reception of D-MAC systems — which have much greater carrying capacity than D2-MAC allowing transmission of extra sound channels and extra data alongside the television picture, and ultimately allowing a switch over to wide-screen high definition television — but it will also include from the start the descrambling mechanism which is vital for pay-TV channels.

They hope to have sufficient chips for full-scale production by the end of this year, experts are treating their claims with some scepticism. Until recently Astra favoured D2-MAC for all its channels, as the system backed by most set manufacturers and as the system most likely to be on the market in time for Astra's pre-Christmas 1988 launch. Since the multi-MAC chip can also handle D2-MAC, D2-MAC would be the only system with chips available from two sources.

But pressure from the British channels, who consitute Astra's main market, and the rapid progress made by the multi-MAC consortium, have led the company to change its mind.

If neither D2-MAC nor multi-MAC chips are available by the time Astra is switched on towards the end of this year, the whole argument becomes somewhat academic. All the channels on the satellite will then have no option but to transmit in PAL, the terrestrial TV system used in the UK, Germany, and Scandinavia, or in the French SECAM.

New ways of going on the air

By Pearce Wright

The Government has coined the word "narrowcasting", as opposed to broadcasting, to describe its intention to allow up to six new operators to run specialized satellite services for transmitting voice, vision, film, music or data in Britain.

In principle, anyone can apply for a licence. But operators will be allowed only one-way transmission from a central point via a Eutelsat or Intelsat satellite to dish receivers of "closed user groups".

The new services are not intended for domestic communications. The transmissions would be coded, and expensive dishes two metres in diameter equipped with elaborate electronic units for deciphering the signals would be needed at the reception end.

Giving examples of possible closed user groups at the announcement of the scheme last week, Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, suggested that a brewery chain might distribute a music programme continuously to its pubs this way.

However, there are indications that the price charged by British Telecom to distribute such services lies behind Lord Young's aim to introduce a degree , however limited, of competition for the two priviliged holders of licenses to earn revenue by operating satellite. The other is Mercury.

Hence, the decision to invite up to six operators to tender for a licence to operate specialised satellite services takes the government's policy of liberalising telecommunications services a step further forward.

The space industry, which manufactures the equipment, was disappointed by the plan.



How the sea could help to heal a wound

By Pat Sweet

A British company is waiting to hear whether it will get the official go-ahead for general practitioners to use a revolutionary new form of wound dressing made from brown seaweed. Britcair's product, called Kaltostat, is in use in hospitals around the country but has yet to be approved for inclusion on the drug tariff list of items GPs can prescribe.

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The dressing needs changing only once or twice a week

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Data protection has a spin-off in employment

JOBSCENE

By Caroline Berman

Muscle is not a prerequisite for a job in security — at least not in data security. But knowledge of the data protection legislation often is.

With the growing recognition of the dangers of computer insecurity and the passing of the Data Security Act, organizations are now having to take data security very seriously. Many are recruiting data security experts both to protect their data, and to make sure they are complying with the legislation.

Banks and building societies have always needed to be security-conscious, but ever since the Act came in, organizations such as police forces and local councils have also had to be wary about keeping to the legislation.

Lancashire Constabulary has been advertising for a data-protection co-ordinator who would advise the police on protection and accessibility of data held in computer systems.

"We are looking for people who can offer experience in data protection and a computer background," said Bob Woodruff, civilian personnel manager at Lancashire Constabulary. The Lancashire police job will pay about £14,000.



Geoff Dalby of Woolwich Building Society: Expertise was developed

The data protection co-ordinator would deal with the enquiries from the members of the public about information stored about them on the Police National Computer, which holds records on criminal convictions, or on Lancashire's own computer, which holds records of crimes committed in the local area. So far, there has been a low take-up of enquiries from the data subjects.

Security is an area of growth. There is increasing awareness of the need for financial institutions to maximize their security. Four to six people are now involved in data security at the Woolwich. Three years ago there were no such posts, although the work was done by different parts of the organization.

"The security personnel are gradually becoming a brand in their own right," says Geoff Dalby, assistant manager of DP at Woolwich Building Society. "At first, we built them outof systems programmers or programmers. They moved to data security and developed an expertise. Now we find the job demands a specialised knowledge and we try to recruit those with expertise. But there are very few in the market. Those that are command a premium."

At the bottom end, for a trainee, the Woolwich pays around £10,000, and at the top end, around £20,000. "This is out of proportion to the equivalent salary for someone of similar skills in conventional areas," says Mr Dalby.

The Woolwich uses a software package to control the way in which any individual can access the system, the records or any element ofthe data. "You can build fences around different levels of the database and ensure they are impenetrable, except by authorized parties," Mr Darby explained.

Administering the Data Protection Act is a fairly new area for the Woolwich. "We were off to an early start. We wrote an administrative system to control inquiries and monitor their progress, expecting a large response. We have 120 branches and wanted a common approach. Once the requests are registered, they are passed to head office. We have a team of interested parties across the society to administer this."

So far, like Lancashire Constabulary, the Woolwich has had few inquiries. In the six weeks before Christmas, after the second part of the Act came in, there were seven inquiries. All but one were from the Woolwich's own audit people, putting the system to the test.

"We have the obligation to ensure personal information is secure, but this is the basic tennet of our business in any case. The larger issue is the need to ensure confidentiality of data, and the most primary concern when deal with large amounts of money is to protect it from hackers and from insiders who may be 'bad eggs'," explained Mr Dalby.

Hackney council in east London is also looking for a computer security officer, and is offering around £15,000. The data-security officer would take care of all access to allthe computer networks.

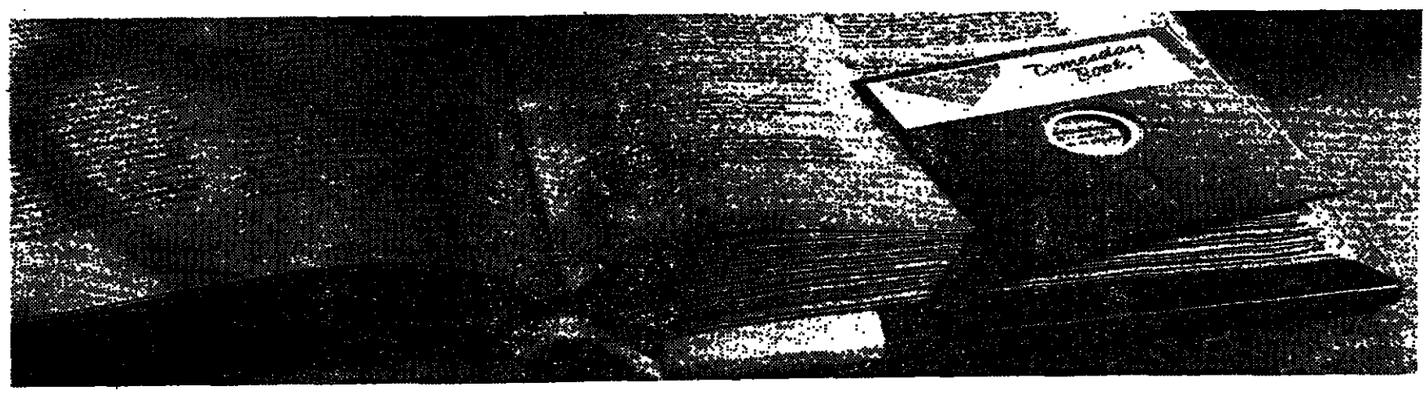
Hackney is part of a consortium of four boroughs, using an IBM computer centre at Enfield, and there are 400 terminals in Hackney linked to the centre. Hackney, like the Woolwich, uses a software security package, which is very important, since there is data from other boroughs on the system.

So far, no one with sufficient experience has been supplied for the job.

A data protection officer has also been appointed to deal with the administration of the act. This includes protecting and securing the data, training people, and making them aware of the Act. The key aspect is dealing with requests from the public to see the data, then liaising with the departments that hold the data.

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Preferably aged between 35 and 55, you must be a Registered Nurse with experience at a senior level of nursing management and chairing multi-disciplinary meetings. Knowledge of legislation, statutory bodies, professional organisations and current issues concerning nursing is essential.

Relocation expenses up to £5000 may be payable.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 16 March 1988) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref: G/7505.

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Welsh Office - Y Swyddfa Gymreig

HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The National Consumer Council represents the UK consumer. It is our job to promote the consumer interest to government, national industry and commerce, and public, private and professional services. The Council is funded by the Department of Trade and Industry.

NCC invites applications for the post of Head of Public Affairs Group to lead press, parliamentary, publishing, legal, library and information staff. The aim of the Group is to promote and implement NCC's policies.

The successful candidate will also be responsible for advising Council on all aspects of its public affairs policy and will be a member of Management.

Approximately half the job will include acting as Parliamentary Officer and the successful candidate must have the experience to brief, liaise with and lobby members of both Houses of Parliament.

Salary scale from £16,557 to £21,819 (inc. London Weighting) subject to 1.4.88 review.

For further information and application form please telephone

Sharon Hancock
National Consumer Council
20 Grosvenor Gardens
London SW1W ODH 01-730-3469

Closing date for completed forms: FRIDAY 11 MARCH 1988

NCC National Consumer Council

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Salary: PO (SR) £19,194 - £20,463

Applications are invited for this challenging third tier post from suitably qualified local government solicitors or barristers.

The post holder heads the Personal Services Section of the Legal Division and is responsible for managing a team of Solicitors/Legal Executives dealing with all legal work arising from the Education, Social Services, Public Protection and Community Leisure Group of Committees. A legal support service is also given to the Avon Probation Committee and the Avon and Somerset Police Authority. In addition, the successful applicant will have general management responsibility for the Social Services Court Team and the Common Law Section.

Candidates should, therefore, be able to demonstrate a breadth of local government experience covering Committee attendance and good management skills including an aptitude towards use and development of new technology.

The County of Avon is a busy Authority which offers across the board experience of law and administration in the attractive and growing South West.

Application by form only, available with further details from the Director of Personnel Services, PO Box 270, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol, BS99 7HE, or telephone Bristol 298565 (Ansafone on this number after office hours).

Please quote reference number ADL/021/T2 when asking for forms which must be returned by 14th March 1988.

Administration & Legal Department

Avon as an Equal Opportunities Employer considers applicants on their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

Avon COUNTY COUNCIL

Somerset County Council

PROPERTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
COUNTY HALL, TAUNTON

SPECIAL PROJECTS VALUER

Salary Range - PO5
£14,205 - £15,507
per annum

Applications are invited from suitably qualified surveyors for this senior post providing a valuation service to the Economic Development Unit. The person appointed would be expected to deal with the acquisition, development, disposal and management of a wide variety of property. This is an interesting appointment in a busy office, and would particularly suit someone with entrepreneurial skills.

Essential car user allowance. Relocation and lodging expenses in approved cases.

Application forms and further details are available from the Director of Property Services, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY. (Tel: Taunton (0823) 333451, ext 5383).

Closing date: Friday 11th March 1988. Please quote reference: ET

THE RATING AND VALUATION ASSOCIATION

DIRECTOR

Salary £30,000 pa Plus lease car

THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is one of the pre-eminent professional societies in the country for persons engaged in rating, revenues collection and valuation. With the advent of Community Charge the expertise of its members will be in great demand. It was founded in 1882 and has members drawn from those employed both in the public service and in private practice.

THE APPOINTMENT

This is a new, challenging and demanding appointment which will involve taking a leading role in the development and promotion of the Association's interests, aims and objectives at national level. A key part of the Director's role will be to enhance the status of the Association during an important period of change with the introduction of the Community Charge.

The post calls for wide practical or managerial experience and knowledge at some senior level, though not necessarily in local government or valuation. It also requires a proven track record in communication skills particularly with the media and politicians.

The appointee will need to have a successful record as a dynamic and enterprising free thinker and a professional qualification or evidence of academic or administrative ability will be required.

The appointment is subject to the Local Government superannuation scheme. The Association's offices are located in Central London. Further information may be obtained from Mr J C Price at the address below.

Applications should be sent to Mr J C Price FRVA, Acting Secretary, The Rating and Valuation Association, 115 Ebury Street, London, SW1W 9QT. Telephone No. 01-730-7258/7259 and 7250. Closing date 14th March 1988.

KINGSTON AND ESHER HEALTH AUTHORITY

DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER

The Kingston and Esher Health Authority wishes to appoint to the post of District General Manager a person from either the public or private sector who, among other qualifications, can demonstrate successful record of general management at a very senior level. The vacancy occurs on October 1988, the date of normal retirement for Dr Bernard Meade, the present DGM.

The Health Authority is responsible for providing health care to a population of 179,800, employs some 3,500 staff and has a revenue budget of £44.5 million.

The General Manager will be responsible to the Authority for the general management function, for ensuring that the needs and care of patients are given the highest priority, and for developing and implementing the strategic and operational plans of the Authority within its revenue allocation.

Applicants must be able to exercise leadership and possess the necessary inter-personal skills to work in a multi-professional environment.

The appointment will initially be for a fixed term of 3 years and the salary will be about £36,000 (inc. London Weighting allowance).

Further details, job description and application form available from: Mr B Jupp, District Personnel Officer, Kingston and Esher Health Authority, 17 Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6LH (telephone number 01-390 1111, ext 234).

Informal enquiries concerning the post can be made to Mr G A Turner, Chairman (tel 01-390 1111, ext 246).

Closing date for applications:- 19th March 1988.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Salary Scale PO(33-36) – (£12,804-£13,812)

In preparation of the impending competitive tendering legislation the Council are reforming their existing DLO and wish to appoint a Finance and Administrative Officer. The successful applicant will have administrative control and be financially responsible for the current housing maintenance contract, together with refuse collection, vehicle maintenance and other "contractor" services. He/she will also have responsibility for the stores. This is a post which will interest a person who is already in a senior management position with a Local Authority or the private sector.

The Forest of Dean is a pleasant area in which to live and work and has easy access via the M5/M50 from all parts of the country. There are excellent recreational facilities within the District and housing is reasonably priced.

Further information and an application form may be obtained from Jean Gibbs, Council Offices, Cinderford, Glos. GL14 2AE. Telephone: Dean (0594) 22291.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 14th March, 1988. The Council is an equal opportunities employer.

Forest of Dean DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUE RYDER HOME

We invite the following staff to SHARE IN THE CARE of cancer patients and their families in our lovely Oxfordshire Home, where a hospice ethos is maintained.

SISTER/CHARGE NURSE RGN
(experience essential)
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The above posts are for full-time day and night duty.

We offer: Whitley salary scale; upgraded single accommodation; twice yearly tavel grants in mainland UK; excellent post-basic experience and education opportunities.

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£13,449 - £15,921

Based at County Offices, Matlock.

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This is an excellent opportunity to work in the pleasant surroundings of Matlock, gain experience of a major authority and work on issues of growing importance. A generous relocation package is available, and these posts carry an essential car user allowance.

Application forms and further details are available from the County Clerk, County Offices, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG. Telephone Matlock (0629) 580000 ext 7322.

Closing date - 11 March 1988.

The Council's policy is that all people receive equal treatment regardless of their sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, colour, ethnic or national origin, or disability.

DERBYSHIRE County Council Supports Nuclear Free Zones

THE NEW BRIDGE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Salary up to £14,000

Are you interested in developing our work with offenders? We are looking for somebody with enthusiasm, energy and initiative to provide leadership to our Voluntary Associates and to implement a new work programme. Experience in probation or social work desirable.

Applications by letter including a CV to the Director, The New Bridge, 1 Tbarpe Close, Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5XL. Telephone 01-969 9133. Closing date: February 29.

NUFFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD OS1 1NF

GWILYM GIBBON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from men and women, preferably with experience of one of the public services, wishing to undertake a year's research into, or study of, a problem in the field of government and administration. The Fellowship carries free rooms, secretarial services, common table rights, and reimbursement of necessary expenses, but normally no stipend. In exceptional cases a supplementary stipend is payable. Further particulars from the Admissions Secretary. Closing date Monday 18 April 1988.

SOLICITOR

Up to £17,508 inclusive

If you are looking for an attractive next step in your career in Local Government this post could offer you the perfect opportunity.

Specifically you would be advising and amending Committees and officers working groups and undertaking legal, quasi legal and administration work including court advocacy, and order making procedures etc.

We are looking for a competent and enthusiastic solicitor to fill this key post in our busy legal team.

Benefits include:

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For an application form and further details please apply to the Borough Personnel and Management Services Officer, Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey or phone Epsom 44911 (24 hour answer phone service).

Closing date: 15.3.88.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

GRADUATE RETRAINING SCHEME

MSc Degrees in OR or Computer Science

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- A limited number of immediate appointments at SO or HSO level may also be offered, with subsequent training to follow where appropriate.
- Further details and application forms are available from: Mr. Mike Taylor, CM(S)1bR, Room 8117, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TD.
- The closing date for applications is 31 March 1988.

DSG

HAMPSHIRE

Director

County Museums Service

£28,000 +

Hampshire seeks a successor to Kenneth Barton who retires at the end of June 1988.

With 11 museums staging over 50 major exhibitions each year and attracting some 187,000 visitors, the Hampshire Museums Service has established a reputation for high professional standards which is recognised nationally.

The County Council is commited to maintain and develop these standards with wide public appeal and support. The Director must therefore possess relevant academic qualifications, management skills and experience of a high order. No particular age range is preferred but a record of achievement is essential.

In addition to a salary of £25,557 – £28,044, the post carries an essential car user allowance or leased car, a personal allowance of £594 p.a., and a retire at 60 pension package. Relocation expenses up to £4,500 plus actual removal costs and a mortgage subsidy scheme are also available.

The County Council pursues a policy of equality of opportunity. Applications are particularly welcome from people with disabilities.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from the County Manpower Services Officer, The Castle, Winchester. Hampshire. SO23 8UJ. Telephone: Winchester (0962) 847691. Closing date 31st March 1988.

COUNTY MUSEUMS SERVICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The National Council for Educational Technology is to be constituted as from 1 April 1988 and arises from an amalgamation of the Council for Educational Technology for the United Kingdom and the *Microelectronics Education* Support Unit.

The Chief Executive is responsible to the governing body of the National Council for the entire spectrum of its activities – ranging from the organisation of its day-to-day business to controlling the implementation of its strategy and programme policy. The Chief Executive also acts as Finance Officer and the National Council's principal representative in the UK and overseas.

Applicants will need a strong record of management experience and a proven *leadership style, wide* knowledge of the education and training systems of the UK and a feeling for informed innovation. A comprehensive understanding of information technology and high professional standing in the field of educational technology would be a considerable advantage.

The National Council has *in mind an appointment on a* fixed-term contract, initially for five years, at a salary on the scale of £33,783-£35,373 per annum including Inner London Weighting and superannuation; a higher salary will be considered, if necessary, for a candidate with exceptional qualifications or experience.

Fuller details of the post are available on application to John Faith, Austin Knight Selection, 17 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6AS. Tel: 01-628 5021 (01-256 6925 evenings/weekends), quoting reference 369/JF/88

Closing date for receipt *of full applications: 11th March* 1988.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY NCET

Unit General Manager

Psychiatric Services

£25,841 + opportunity to earn Performance Related Pay

As a result of the promotion of the previous Unit General Manager, South Bedfordshire Health Authority needs to appoint a Unit General Manager, Psychiatric Services, who will have the enthusiasm, drive and energy to develop plans and means to provide a locally-based *community oriented service to individuals in South Bedfordshire Health Authority.*

At the same time, this General Manager must be able to manage the provision of effective existing services and to encourage two neighbouring districts in the setting up and development of local services.

If you have the desire and capacity to lead and achieve change, to involve a wide range of agencies and individuals and to promote mental health, together with already demonstrated managerial skills, ring Christine Love for more information. Potential candidates are welcome to contact Derek Smith, District General Manager.

Applications, including details of your career and achievements to date, should be sent to Mrs. I. C. Love, Director of Personnel, South Bedfordshire Health Authority, Bute House, 7 Dunstable Road, Luton, Beds. LU1 1BB. Tel: (0582) 37121, ext. 311. Not later than Monday 14th March 1988.

SBHA

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

Applications are invited from qualified accountants, with general commercial experience and probably in their 40's, for the new post of Senior Accountant of the Church of England Pensions Board.

The position offers a prospect of promotion within a short time. The starting salary envisaged is £14,927 and the salary scale is equivalent to that of a Senior Executive Officer in the Civil Service, with similar pension provision and leave entitlements.

Please address applications, including details of professional qualifications and work experience, to Mrs. D. Harries, 53 Tufton Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3QP, marking the envelope CONFIDENTIAL.

ABBEYFIELD SOCIETY

Chief Executive

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A successor to the retiring Chief Executive is required. The principal role is to ensure the continued development of the Society, working with Trustees on matters of policy, acting as adviser to local societies and liaising and negotiating with government departments, local authorities and the housing movement.

The key requirement is proven success at senior management level stemming preferably from experience in marketing, coupled with the ability to sustain and promote the vitality of an enterprise. Experience of the voluntary sector at senior level could well be helpful.

Salary in excess of £23,000 + car. Location Potters Bar.

Please write in confidence with full CV to: Geoffrey Elms, Charity Appointments, 3 Spital Yard, Bishopsgate, London E1 6AQ.

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Starting salary to be agreed by negotiation. To find out more contact John Robinson or Roger Vergine on 01-863 5611 ext 2284 or 2260.

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Closing date: 15 March 1988.

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SOCIAL WORKER

International Social Service is a professionally-staffed voluntary agency dealing with problems which may arise when people move from one country to another. It provides some of the most interesting opportunities in social work today.

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Salary on a scale from £8,100 to £10,220 p.a. according to age and relevant experience.

Applications in writing to:

Miss W.I. Rouse,
Director,
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Raising this money will require the long term direction and coordination of voluntary fundraising in the community, as well as close liason with other potential sources of funds.

A mature executive with a successful career in his or her chosen field, able to work with minimum supervision, and able to communicate with people in all walks of life, is needed.

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY HEALTH BOARD

CHIEF AREA NURSING OFFICER
Scale SDA - 3

Applications are invited from experienced Nurse Managers with high professional commitment who must possess and demonstrate sound management qualities and judgement to lead and develop all aspects of nursing for the Board.

Informal enquiries will be welcomed by: Mr M.D. Cook, Board General Manager, on ext 243.

Further information and application form can be obtained from: Mr C. Rodan, Personnel Administration Officer, Personnel Department, Dumfries and Galloway Health Board, Nithbank, Dumfries DG1 2SD. Tel: 0387 53181 ext 246.

Closing date for return of application forms: March 12, 1988.

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Civil Service Conditions.

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Establishment Office, House of Lords
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No duty owed to child by council

Dear v Newham London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment February 11]

Rubbish which included mildewed carpeting, an old tin bath, and various pieces of wood, metal and plastic was not "house refuse" within the meaning of section 72 of the Public Health Act 1936.

In consequence a local authority were not obliged to remove it and accordingly did not owe a duty of care to the infant plaintiff in respect of injuries she sustained in falling from a balcony on which the rubbish had been collected.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Newham London Borough Council from Mr Michael Wright, QC, sitting as a deputy judge in the Queen's Bench Division (*The Times* April 10, 1987) who had held that the council were liable to the infant plaintiff, Jane Dear, suing by her uncle and next friend, in respect of injuries she had sustained when she crawled on to rubbish collected on the balcony of the council flat where she lived, and had fallen from the balcony, fracturing her skull.

Mr Guy Sankey for the Council; Mr George Pulman for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that the council had let the premises to the plaintiff's mother. When she had moved in, there was a collection of rubbish in the roof space including damp and mildewed carpeting and an old tin bath, various pieces of metal and plastic and what looked like the remains of furniture. When the rubbish was discovered it was moved on to the balcony of the premises by her brother and father.

The council provided a refuse collection service in the borough. His Lordship set out section 72 of the Public Health Act 1936, which so far as material, provided: "(1) A local authority may, and if required by the minister shall, undertake the performance of all or any of the following services, that is to say – (a) the removal of house refuse . . . either as respects the whole or any part of their district.

"(2) If a local authority who, as respects their district or any part thereof, have undertaken the removal of house refuse . . . receive notice from the occupier of any premises within the district . . . requiring them to remove any house refuse from those premises, and, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice within seven days, the occupier of the premises may recover summarily as a civil debt from the authority the sum of 25p for every day during which the default continues after the expiration of the said period.

"(3) A local authority who as respects their district . . . have undertaken the removal of house refuse may make by-laws for the area to which their undertaking may for the time being extend – (b) where a local authority themselves provide dustbins, requiring that those dustbins shall be used . . .".

It was common ground that the council were a local authority falling within the section, that they had undertaken the removal of house refuse, and were accordingly under an obligation to perform that function in respect of the premises where the plaintiff lived.

In the exercise of their powers under section 72(3) the council had made by-laws, in particular requiring the occupier to place all house refuse in dustbins.

Section 73 of the 1936 Act provided for the removal of trade refuse, and section 74 provided for the removal of "refuse" as distinct from house or trade refuse empowering a local authority at the request of an occupier to "remove any refuse . . . which they are under no obligation to remove".

In practice the council's refuse collection service operated once a week when refuse collectors and vehicles would call at the premises and collect any refuse which had been both placed in dustbins and put in the street outside the front of the premises.

The dustmen would not take away any refuse not so dealt with, and in particular they would not under any circumstances collect refuse from a point so remote from the street as the balcony which was at the rear of the plaintiff's mother's flat.

The council did offer a special collection facility for unwanted bulky items free of charge on request.

It was common ground that the plaintiff's mother had made a number of requests to the council to remove the rubbish from her balcony and that at the material time the council were well aware of both its existence and the potential health hazard it caused.

In August 1981 the plaintiff, then aged 20 months, had crawled up on the rubbish and had fallen a distance of 13 feet over the balcony sustaining a fractured skull.

In subsequent proceedings the deputy judge had concluded that the council owed the plaintiff a duty of care at common law because the 1936 Act imposed on them a statutory duty to remove rubbish from the balcony, and that in failing to do so the council were in breach of both duties.

In appealing against that decision, Mr Sankey submitted that the council were under no obligation to remove the rubbish in question because it was not "house refuse" within the meaning of section 72 and that accordingly the council owed the plaintiff no duty at common law.

Parliament had not defined the phrase in the Act and the court was not entitled to insert a definition by a process of judicial legislation. Nevertheless his Lordship concluded that in broad terms Mr Sankey's definition was correct for the following reasons:

1 That it accorded with the meaning which attached to the words as a matter of the ordinary use of language.

2 It derived strong support from section 72(3)(b) which empowered a local authority to provide dustbins and to make by-laws requiring that they be used. Such power would be of limited use if it remained open to a bonscholder to serve a notice under section 72(2) requiring the authority to remove bulky items of rubbish which were not capable of fitting in a dustbin.

3 It was unlikely that the legislature would have intended by section 72 to impose on an authority the obligation to remove on notice items of rubbish so bulky that they could not be fitted into a dustbin. In his Lordship's judgment it was much more probable that such items would fall to be dealt with under section 74.

His Lordship, having studied the evidence concluded that the collection of rubbish on the balcony, was not capable of falling within the description "house refuse" as used in section 72.

The deputy judge had misdirected himself in not attaching sufficient significance to the size of the items and in not appreciating the guidance given by section 72(3)(b) in that context.

In his Lordship's judgment the items on the balcony were the very kind of items to which the permissive provisions of section 74 were intended to relate. Accordingly, section 72(2) imposed no obligation on the council to collect the rubbish, even on notice.

Accordingly, with some reluctance and regret, his Lordship was driven to conclude that because the council were under no obligation to remove the rubbish in question, they owed no duty of care to the infant plaintiff. He would therefore allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Russell delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Taylor agreed.

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Bank's error does not negative theft

Regina v Hamid Shadrokh-Cigari

Before Lord Justice Woolf, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Saville

[Judgment February 8]

A bank retained an equitable interest in drafts it had issued upon another's mistake and that interest amounted to "property" within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Hamid Shadrokh-Cigari against conviction on four counts of theft and a three-year sentence of imprisonment imposed by Judge Malcolm Potter at Birmingham Crown Court on December 9, 1986.

Mr James Pyke for the Crown; Mr Richard Brock, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE SAVILLE, giving the judgment of the court, said that in October 1985 an Iranian citizen who had been working in this country, returned to Iran. He left his son aged 14 son here to continue his education and asked his brother-in-law, the appellant, to act as unofficial guardian.

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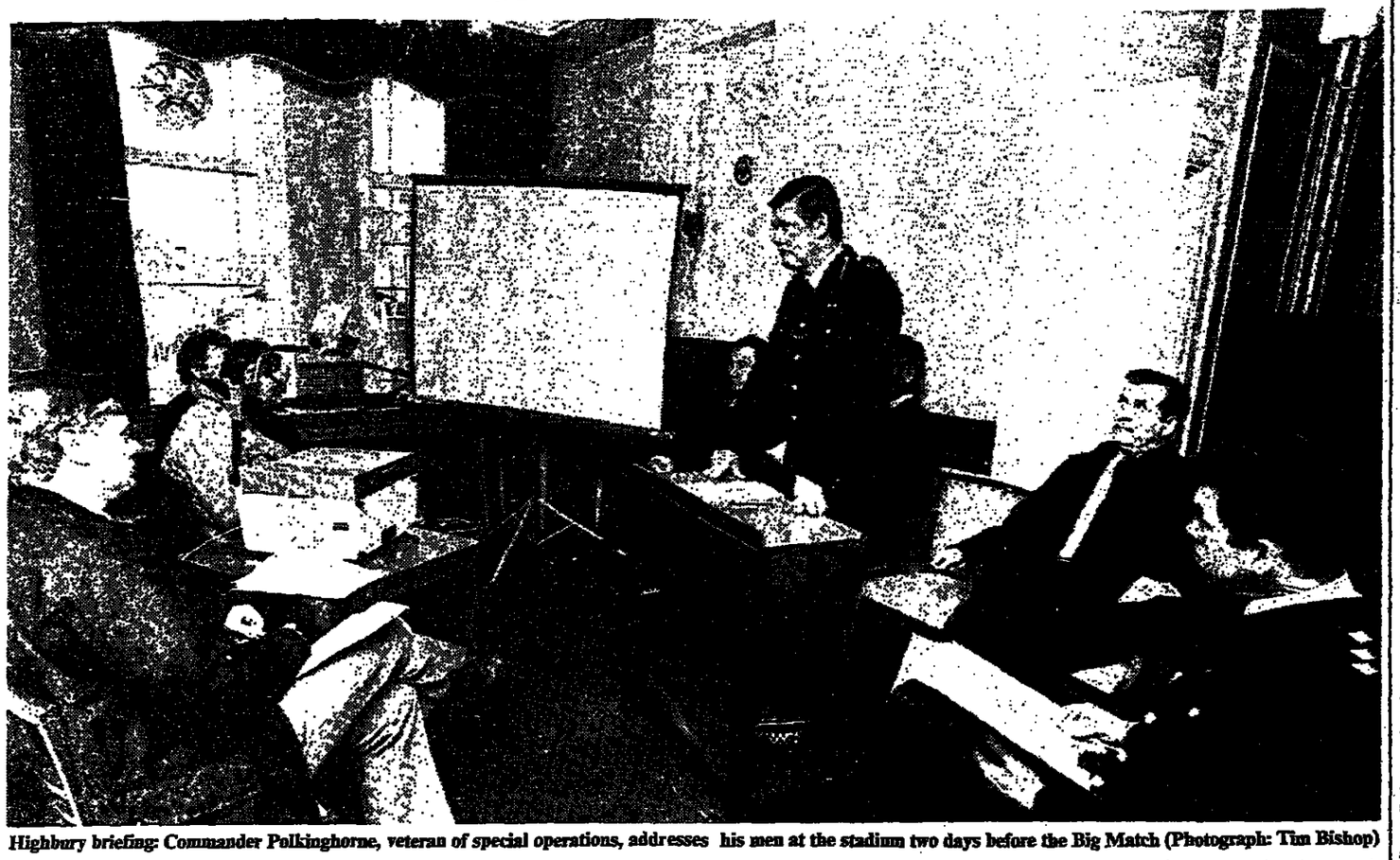
Countdown to a 'challenging game' against the odds for the trouble-shooting boys in blue

The A Team steps out at Arsenal



THE TIMES
ANALYSIS

The Times today begins a four-part examination of football hooliganism: what causes it, how it is policed, what progress has been made in the campaign against it, the prospects for English clubs' readmission to European competition. In the first part **John Goodbody** and **Ian Stafford** explain how the police prepared for the Arsenal-Manchester United FA Cup tie on Saturday



Highbury briefing: Commander Polkinghorne, veteran of special operations, addresses his men at the stadium two days before the Big Match (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

On Monday, February 1, Inspector Graham James, like many people, was listening to the FA Cup fifth-round draw on the radio. When Arsenal, for whom he is the regular police liaison officer, drew Manchester United, his concern was not the footballing spectacle, it was how to police what he termed "a challenging game".

Within an hour a meeting was being held at Holloway Police Station between three senior officers and Inspector James to settle preliminary arrangements. Decisions were made on the manpower and strategy required to control the visiting supporters, known as the "Red Army", because of the exceptional number who travel to away matches. "In many ways it is easier to police a game like this," Inspector James said. "We always knew that large numbers would be involved."

The meeting on February 1 was the first of a series that precedes all big games and aims to ensure that such occasions do not explode into hooliganism.

Over the years the police have developed special techniques in dealing with football-related violence. Their success, particularly at and near grounds and at railway stations, depends on regular intelligence, communications, discipline and, above all, thousands of man-hours in planning and preparation to achieve an effective strategy.

In the countdown to important matches there are many meetings as different police forces sift and exchange information and then deploy their officers to maximum effect. The preparations are executed with precision – and in privacy. Their extent is unknown to the hooligans, the public and most people in the game itself.

With UEFA scheduled to consider in May whether English clubs should be readmitted to European competitions, it had been particularly important that a game between two likely qualifiers, Arsenal and Manchester United, should not be ruined by violence. Some European countries received highlights of the game on television. An increase in the hooliganism which occurred in the FA Cup third-round tie between Arsenal and Millwall, when 42 people were arrested, would have jeopardized English clubs' hopes of a return to Europe, from which they have been excluded since the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985.

The command at all big police operations is organized on three levels: gold, silver, bronze. For the Arsenal match, Commander David Polkinghorne, in charge of operations in North London, was gold; Superintendent Doug Hopkins, of Holloway, was silver; and the two bronzes were Chief Inspectors Don Williams, for the north of the ground, the famous North Bank for Arsenal supporters, and Chief Inspector Nigel Wildman for the south or Clock end, where most of the Manchester United support would be placed. Inspector James, with his particular knowledge, had a trouble-shooting role.

All League matches are designated at the beginning of the season as A, B, C, D, according to the likelihood of violence, although they can be upgraded or downgraded as circumstances warrant. The Arsenal-Manchester United match had always been A.

A police management committee meeting on February 12 of the silver, two bronzes and Inspector James decided that, as the ground was likely to be full, the Territorial Support Group (TSG) should be asked to reinforce the main units of 531 men, raised by rota from all over the Metropolitan Police area. The TSG, which would have a mobile role, would be under the control of Superintendent John Binder, who was the third officer with bronze status.

On Monday, February 15, the five divisions of the British Transport Police, who act independently but in concert with the Metropolitan Police, had their own meetings to discuss the Highbury game and the expected movements of every other group of supporters through the capital. All this information was forwarded to the regular weekly meeting at 2.30 on Tuesday at the BTP headquarters near Euston.

Of the five divisional representatives, four are concerned with Euston, King's Cross-St Pancras, Victoria-Waterloo and Liverpool Street stations, the fifth being in charge of the London Underground system.

They met the duty information representative, an inspector from the mobile support units, a representative from the police dog section, the football liaison officer from Scotland Yard and the BTP's two football liaison officers, Inspector Dennis Temporal and Police Constable Andy Douglas.

Everyone at the 70-minute meeting envisaged trouble. The week before, after Manchester United had beaten Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, fighting, involving United supporters, broke out in the Euston Road; there was a stabbing.

Plans were laid for a possible clash before the match between football followers and 600 people catching a train to Manchester for a gay rights meeting and for the possibility of Arsenal supporters going to Euston station after the game to see off the Manchester-bound trains.

It was also decided that a sergeant and four police constables should be posted to Willesden, where the two special Manchester trains were to stop for the engines to be changed from electric to diesel before the journey across north London to Highbury and Islington.

Two years ago a trainload of supporters emptied during a 15-minute delay and 200 of them started running along the tracks. This delay was still regarded as better than the train terminating at Euston and the supporters being forced to travel by Underground to Arsenal. Both trains last Saturday were sponsored by British Rail (which means they were set up and publicized as BR excursions rather than privately organized trips); each had a sergeant and three police constables; and it was not possible to buy a drink on either.

All provincial forces between Manchester Piccadilly and Highbury were warned by telex of the times the trains were passing through. A videotape unit, protected by dogs, was to film the arrival of supporters at Highbury; and an Incident Vehicle was to be stationed outside Arsenal station.

On Wednesday, February 17, Sergeant Stuart Worthington, the football liaison officer with M Division in Stretford, visited Manchester United's Old Trafford headquarters for the final details on the number of ticket sales and coaches organized by the Supporters' Association.

Although only 2,500 used the "controlled travel " on the two trains and 20 coaches, 15,000 United followers were expected in London for the match. Many made their way by car and minibus and it is these, rather than the supporters' clubs, who provide the police with the biggest problems because their movements cannot always be predicted.

More than any other club, Manchester United have followers from all over Britain, including a large number in London. The game was not all-ticket because many visiting supporters would be buying tickets directly from Arsenal; in any case, making a game all-ticket accentuates the risk of rival followers mixing in the same sector of the ground.

Last Thursday all divisions of the BTP received a report from Inspector Temporal. He included a cutting from a newspaper featuring a new weapon available to the public, an electronic stun gun with a high-voltage punch strong enough to kill. Officers were urged to watch out for such instruments and Temporal asked: "Will this be the hooligans' new weapon?"

On the same day there were two further meetings. One was at New Scotland Yard, where the commander of the Central London Reserve, which consists of between 50 and 500 officers, is briefed on what was likely to occur at and around the grounds, not just at Highbury but at the other matches in the capital. The other meeting was at Highbury, where Commander Polkinghorne addressed his 20 officers responsible for the ground and marshalling the supporters to and from the stations and car parks.

Twenty-four A4 pages of briefing notes were distributed to the officers in charge of the 29 details, totalling 531 men. A further 150 officers were in reserve. Each detail had a special role, ranging from duty on the turnstiles, control on the terraces and handling the closed-circuit television, financed by the Football Trust and invaluable for identifying offenders.

Commander Polkinghorne had organized the policing for more than 100 games at Highbury; this was his last match before retirement. He is immensely experienced, having been the officer in charge of operations at the siege of the Iranian Embassy, the Brixton and Broadwater Farm riots, the Papal visit and the 1981 royal wedding.

He told his officers in charge: "Neither team has bad fans but United has a great number of supporters. Our job is to keep the two sides apart. If we succeed, it will not be bad."

He handed over to Inspector James, who gave details of the stadium's lay-out and what to watch out for. A recent trend, he said, had been for women to carry weapons, including CS gas canisters and knives, into stadiums for their boy-friends. Women police constables were to be at the turnstiles on Saturday to search females and their handbags.

Flares had also been found, hidden down the socks or on pieces of string dangling in the middle of the back; this can evade a hasty search. "If you have not done the searching, you are the one who will know about it," James told the officers.

Contingency plans were then described by Superintendent Hopkins. If the gates were shut before the kick-off and supporters were locked out, "we will herd them towards the station and stuff them down the tube". He also discussed the possibility of a pitch invasion, particularly during the first 10 minutes of the match, when the TSG would still be handling the locked-out supporters.

Details were given of special anti-pickpocket squads and of the plain-clothes officers watching for the 20 people barred by the courts from attending Football League matches. The 50-minute gathering then broke up into five shorter meetings to discuss policing of particular areas of the ground. After nearly three weeks of preparation and hours of planning, all was ready for the Big Match.

TOMORROW

Operation Highbury goes into action

What it all cost

The Metropolitan Police and the British Transport Police assigned about 800 officers to control the match and the travelling of fans on Saturday. From a crowd of 54,161, there were 60 arrests (46 at or near Highbury and 14 on transport to and from the match), 60 ejections and one Manchester policeman is still in hospital with a fractured skull. The cost of the policing is estimated at £20,000: £6,368 payable by Arsenal for the officers inside the ground and the rest borne by the public.

CRICKET

Faceless England have low standing

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland

England could have been excused the false impression that they were playing behind closed doors in Dunedin at the weekend. The apathy towards a match between the tourists and a virtual New Zealand B team was underwhelming. What is worse, nobody expressed surprise.

The weather, admittedly, was discouraging and Dunedin does have a population of fewer than 100,000. Even so, when a full three days of play attracted no more than 1,500 through the gate, questions need to be asked.

A week earlier in Christchurch, the first Test match was treated with a similar, though still more depressing, indifference. This, after all, was the game in which Richard Hadlee, a New Zealand folk hero, was widely expected to make history by breaking the wicket-taking record for Test matches.

On the first morning, with Hadlee bowling, there may have been 4,000 dotted around the ground; after the great man had broken down, even that level of interest slumped. On the last two days, the gatemen could easily have stayed at home.

Several possible reasons present themselves for a situation which, while not unknown here, seems exaggerated by this tour. It may be that the convenience of blanket television coverage is affecting gates; marketing and organization could be at fault; the public may have tired of poor cricket on bad pitches; or, and here is the worrying theory, they might just have decided that these England tourists are simply not worth the admission money, however meagre it appears.

Rob Vance, the chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council, firmly rebuts the television theory. "Our policy is to have as much of the Test cricket shown live as is possible," he says. "I do not accept that this has any great affect on the crowds."

Vance may be harder pressed to defend the charge that the game here suffers from slack organization, following the recent farcical finish to the Shell Trophy, New Zealand's equivalent of the county championship. A complicated tie-break, involving a ratio of runs to wickets lost, saw Auckland declared the winners, only to have the trophy taken back three days later when it was discovered that Otago had a fractionally better set of figures. If this was not enough of a débâcle, Otago were still awaiting the trophy at the weekend and missed the chance to show it off at various functions surrounding the tourist match at their Dunedin headquarters.

The standard of pitches is plainly no help to the game's attraction. When England were last here, four years ago, Bob Willis, their captain, volunteered that New Zealand cricket would never make major advances until the playing conditions were improved.

Little has changed. The basic role here is that Christchurch favours the bowlers much more than is ideal, while the other Test venues most often produce pitches where a positive result is only for dreamers or rank poor play.

Eden Park, Auckland, which stages the second Test, starting on Thursday, is by habit the worst example of a demoralizingly dull pitch. Four of the past five Test matches here against England have been drawn and Bill Fowler, who captains Auckland, claims that the ball usually fails to carry to an authentically set slip field because of the lack of bounce. It does not bode well for much of a contest between bat and ball later this week.

Could it be, however, that the New Zealand public is staying away from this series for reasons other than awareness, convenience or cost (an unlikely barrier as a Test ticket here entitles you to sit anywhere in the ground for less than £5)? Could it be that the lack of interest reflects on an England side which is not only of modest ability but also desperately lacking the appeal which, to some degree, has almost always accompanied England teams of the past?

It is not the fault of the individuals here, but this tour party promises neither entertainment nor excitement; likewise, it does not radiate personality. Outbreaks of surly behaviour aside, they are workmanlike, professional players who make the most of their resources. If this means, however, that we are settling for a robotic form of efficiency and sacrificing flair, it is hardly a surprise if seats remain empty.

This tour badly needs a fresh figure to thrust himself forward and generate interest. Right now it is not easy to believe this is part of the entertainment industry.

Jones presents injury worry

Auckland (AP) – Andrew Jones, whose consistency has been the cornerstone of New Zealand's batting this season, has become his side's primary injury concern before the second Test match against England, which starts here on Thursday. Jones suffered a blow on the wrist from a delivery from Dilley during his second innings of 54 not out in the first Test at Christchurch, and an X-ray has revealed a crack. "It's a worry," he said yesterday. "But I'm hopeful of playing."

BASKETBALL

Title looms as gift from Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

If Portsmouth, as now seems likely, successfully negotiate a defence of their league title, they will probably be the first to concede that it will be more a case of Polycell Kingston losing it rather than them winning it.

In Kingston's case, history has had a nasty way of repeating itself. Portsmouth's stupendous 84-81 victory on Saturday being Kingston's third defeat in four games, but the one they could least afford to lose. It was almost at the same stage last season that Kingston also succumbed in a run of three successive reverses, but then they did not have the excuse of an exhausting European programme.

Kingston's success in the European Cup Winners' Cup, in which they nearly became the first English club to reach the semi-finals, left them playing eight more matches than Portsmouth, who had suffered a first-round exit in the European Cup. It was as Kingston's European Cup campaign approached its climax that Dan Lloyd, the Portsmouth coach, said: "I hope they do well. The more games they play the better it will be for us."

And so it will almost certainly prove, though Kingston wisely added Joel Moore, Paul Stimpson and Mike Griffiths to an already strong squad during the close season. The reinforcements, like everyone else, have bowed to the extra demands. Whatever their fate, though, Kingston will probably have no regrets. They would undoubtedly have preferred to have gone for broke in Europe than merely have made sure of adding to their ever-growing list of domestic honours, although the championship has only once come their way.

Not that this year's championship is over by any means. Portsmouth must win two of their remaining three games to make sure, and the first two of those are at Murray Livingston, who on Thursday defend an unbeaten home record against British opposition, and on Saturday at Bolton, who lost the corresponding game at Portsmouth by a single point.

Portsmouth's last game, which is at home to Crystal Palace on March 4, should be a formality, but by then Kingston could just be back in contention, even if Kevin Cadle, their coach, does concede that the title has gone. Sunday's 119-95 win over Derby at Tolworth was of little consolation.

Saturday's capacity crowd of 2,000 should go some way to easing Portsmouth's financial plight. The rebounding power of Alan Cunningham and Richard Strong eventually swung the game Portsmouth's way, and one crucial block apiece by each player late in the game also enabled Portsmouth to withstand a second revival from Kingston, who had trailed by 10 points midway through the second half. "This was always going to be the match that decided the league title," Lloyd said.

Elsewhere, the jostling for play-off positions faded somewhat by comparison. The most remarkable feat was accomplished by Manchester United, who out-scored Alphaprint Royals 41-7 in the last 10 minutes of the second half before winning 122-87.

Leicester did their hopes of finishing in the final eight no good by losing 99-93 to TNT Ballets and 90-86 to Murray. Bracknell's inclusion in the last eight was confirmed by their 106-87 win at Solent, who with three league games left, may yet qualify.

ICE HOCKEY

Highs and lows for Hanson as Murrayfield slip off top

By Norman de Mesquita

For the fifth successive week, the premier division of the Heineken league has fresh leaders with Fife Flyers deposing Murrayfield Racers after wins against Nottingham Panthers (home) and Ayr Bruins (away).

It was a baffling time for the goaltender, Moray Hanson, of Racers. A rare win at Durham Wasps owed mainly to his wonderful display as he faced 51 shots while his colleagues managed only 17 at the other end. Hanson was then beaten 13 times as Whitley Warriors maintained their title challenge winning by the odd goal in 25.

It was Warriors' first success over the Racers in 14 attempts. Racers pulled back from 12-7 down, only to fall to Chabot's winning goal with 82 seconds remaining.

Durham danced back from their Racers defeat with a spectacular success away to Solihull Barons. Barons led 7-2 midway through the second period but the Wasps eventually triumped 14-11.

At the other end of the table, Streatham Redskins beat Peterborough Pirates, scoring three without reply in the final period to improve their league position from ninth to seventh. Pirates still have four games in hand but will have to learn self-discipline if they are to have any chance of making up the points difference.

RESULTS: Premier division: Durham Wasps 2, Murrayfield Racers 4; Fife Flyers 17, Nottingham Panthers 4; Ayr Bruins 5, Fife 9; Dundee Tigers 5, Nottingham 6; Solihull Barons 11, Durham 14; Streatham Redskins 7, Peterborough Pirates 4; Whitley Warriors 13, Murrayfield 12. First division: Aviemore Blackhawks 1, Trafford Metros 17; Cleveland Bombers 16, Blackpool Seagulls 0; Sunderland Chiefs 12, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 10; Swindon Wildcats 9, Slough Jets 16; Telford Tigers 26, Richmond Flyers 3; Blackpool 3, Cleveland 16; Glasgow Eagles 17, Deeside 4; Kirkcaldy 6, Trafford 13; Lee Valley Lions 8, Cardiff Devils 12; Richmond 2, Swindon 6; Southampton Vikings 6, Medway Bears 6.

STUDENT SPORT

Guards gain edge for the English

By Yuri Matischen

English Universities, stimulated by guards Demetri Russell and Phil Nickles (both LSE), comprehensively beat the Scottish Universities 111-63 in the final of the British Universities basketball tournament at Birmingham University at the weekend.

In the group matches, English Universities had easy wins over the Welsh and Scottish, but had a combative match with the traditionally strong Oxford team. English universities led 46-40 at half-time, but mid-way through the second period found themselves 61-55 behind as Erdos scored 12 points in as many minutes for Oxford. However, Panovka (Manchester), Blattberg (LSE) and Darlow (Loughborough), the captain, regained their dominance under the boards and English Universities extended their first-half lead by three points to win the match 87-78.

Remarkably, Oxford then lost to the Scottish Universities in the pool matches. Scotland qualified second with the English. In the other pool, Northern Ireland, led by McKenna (Queen's), their high-scoring captain, overcame both Cambridge and London to qualify top, with Cambridge in second place.

English Universities eventually disposed of Cambridge 102-77 in the first semi-final, with Nickels (23) and Russell (25) again dominating, although Ryder (24) responded well for Cambridge.

Northern Ireland and Scotland battled out the second semi-final. The Scots managed to keep McKenna down to 27 points, while five of their own players reached double figures. Muirhead (Strathclyde) dominated, with 23 points.

Northern Ireland's disappointment in not reaching the final was partially offset by their win over Cambridge, 84-49, for the bronze medal. And McKenna (42) had the consolation of scoring the biggest points tally in a match.

In the final, Darlow (19), Panovka (24) and Blattberg (8) were superior offensive and defensive reboumders with only Muirhead (24) finding his way to the English basket with any regularity.

A British Universities team will now compete in the students' triangular against the British Colleges and British Polytechnics on March 6 at the West London Institute.

RESULTS: Play-offs: 5th-6th place: Oxford University 85, London University 72. 3rd-4th: Northern Ireland 86, Cambridge University 49. Semi-finals: English universities 102, Cambridge University 77; Scottish Universities 92, Northern Ireland 74. Final: English Universities 111, Scottish Universities 63.

ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: S Mutzinger (Salford), P Nickels (LSE), M Barker (Exeter), J Martin (Birmingham), S Durlow (Loughborough, captain), D Russell (LSE), D Roper (Loughborough), R Parker (Sheffield), J Blattberg (LSE), S Panovka (Manchester).

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES: R McDowall (Edinburgh), G Farquharson (Glasgow) A Christopherson (Heriot-Watt, captain), C Spargo (Edinburgh), R Henley (Aberdeen), T Sheikh (Glasgow), M Muirhead (Strathclyde), T Baptiste (Heriot-Watt), M Persak (Aberdeen), M Hansen (Glasgow).

● The British Universities individual badminton championships are being staged at Leeds University this weekend. In the men's singles, Simon Wale (Nottingham) is the top seed and defends his title. Karen Lenton (Warwick), is the top women's seed.

The inaugural British Students Sport Federation (BSSF) korfball championships are to be staged this Saturday at Sheffield University and Sheffield Polytechnic. The game is a mixture of netball and basketball, using mixed teams.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fifth round replay
Watford v P Vale (7.45)

Barclays League
First division
Tottenham v Manchester Utd (7.45)

Second division
Stoke v Leeds

Third division
Aldershot v Notts Co
Brentford v Grimsby (7.45)
Walsall v Blackpool

Fourth division
Torquay v Wolverhampton
Halifax v Wrexham

Simod Cup
Quarter-final
Swindon v Norwich (7.45)

Scottish FA Cup
Fourth round replay
Partick v Clydebank

Fine Fare Scottish League
Second division
Berwick v Alloa
Montrose v St Johnstone

BASS IRISH CUP: First round replay: Linfield v Larne.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Bradford v Huddersfield (7.30); Liverpool v Aston Villa; Manchester City v Sheffield Wednesday (6.45); Sunderland v Leeds. Second division: Middlesbrough v West Bromwich; Wigan v York.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Fulham; Charlton v Portsmouth (2.0); Millwall v Norwich (2.0); Oxford United v Arsenal.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Fourth round: Enfield v Sutton United; Morecambe v Telford. Fourth round replay: Horwich v Northwich.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Bognor; Harrow v Leyton-Wingate. First division: Woking v Leatherhead. Second division north: Clapton v Saffron Walden (7.45); Haringey v Aveley; Hertford v Berkhamsted; Letchworth v Royston. Second division south: Southall v Metropolitan Police; Whyteleafe v Epsom and Ewell.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Marine v Hyde. Third round: Frickley v Goole; Southport v Bangor. Premier division: Matlock v Buxton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth v Alvechurch; Dorchester v Redditch. Midland division: Atherstone v Stourbridge; Coventry Sporting v Gloucester; Halesowen v Rushden; Paget Rangers v Forest Green. Southern division: Burnham v Thanet; Chatham v Erith and Belvedere; Sheppey v Canterbury.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Aylesbury v Wokingham; Slough v Hungerford; Windsor and Eton v Wycombe.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Barking v Leytonstone-Ilford; Walthamstow v Grays.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Farnborough v Southampton.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Hendon v Barkingside.

OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University v Corinthian Casuals (at Grange Road).

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY (8.0): Calderdale v Bolton and Bury; Manchester United v Oldham.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Tournament: Samson Tyne Tees TV classic (at Darlington). Indoor county matches: Middlesex v Essex (at Mansfield); Warwickshire v Hertfordshire (at Rugby).

BOXING: Tournament: Oldham Leisure Centre.

HOCKEY: Oxford University v Cambridge University (at Lord's).

SNOOKER: MIM Britannia British open championship (at Assembly Rooms, Derby).

TENNIS: Men's satellite masters tournament (at Croydon).

SPORT ON TV

SUMO WRESTLING: C4 11.35 p.m.: Grand Autumn tournament.

WINTER OLYMPICS: BBC1 12.05-12.55 p.m.: Report (ice skating, speed skating, ice hockey). BBC2 9-3.50 p.m.: Match of the Day (ice hockey). BBC2 5.30-7.0 p.m.: Grandstand (ice skating, speed skating, Nordic skiing). BBC2 11.35 p.m.-12.05 a.m.: Report (ski jumping, Nordic skiing).

Ryde Again has right credentials

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

It is a moot point which is the more interesting runner at Huntingdon today, Kribensis or Ryde Again.

While those with one eye cocked on the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham next month will probably opt for Kribensis, Sheikh Mohammed's only jumper in training, sentimentalists, with a deep-rooted love of National Hunt racing, will plump for Ryde Again.

They will also be praying that fate is kinder to his family in the future than it has been in the past.

In the late seventies and early eighties his dam, Rydewell, had two high-class horses running for her, Celtic Ryde over hurdles and Noddy's Ryde over fences.

Tragically, both were killed when on the threshold of greatness. Celtic Ryde broke his neck, the only time he ever fell, at Haydock Park in 1982, while Noddy's Ryde suffered a fracture in his off-hind when slipping and falling at Devon and Exeter two years later.

At that time, Celtic Ryde was almost as good as any hurdler in the land, having won 16 of his 23 races. Noddy's Ryde was in line to become the next champion two-mile chaser after winning eight of his 11 races over fences.

Peter Cundell, who trained Celtic Ryde with such skill, bearing in mind he once split a pastern, now has charge of Ryde Again, his younger brother, who has a lot to live up to if he is to uphold the excellent family tradition.

By winning a valuable bumper at Chepstow in December, on only his second appearance, and his first race over hurdles at Leicester at the end of that month, RYDE AGAIN has at least made a promising start. Now I'm hoping to see him continue the good work by *landing my nap in the second* division of the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier.

The earlier division can go to KING OF THE LOT (2.0), who was going conspicuously well at Newbury 11 days ago when he fell in the race, which eventually resulted in three weeks' suspension being handed out to both his jockey, Bruce Dowling, and Peter Scudamore.

Epitrot, who looked a bit unlucky when finishing third in the same controversial race, could prove the main danger to King Of The Lot, whose trainer, Richard Lee, should also win the Jim Holden Novices' Chase with DELIUS, the four-length conqueror of Royal Stag (a winner yesterday) at Kempton last month.

With Steve Smith Eccles certain *to be claimed to ride* Surf Board in the Triumph, Richard Dunwoody takes over on Kribensis in the Chatteris Fen hurdle.

Opinion was divided at Doncaster last month after he had made his successful jumping debut. At the time, I was not wholly convinced with his jumping or with him being driven right out to beat Eskimo Mite.

Since then that horse, who failed by just a neck to concede 6lb, has been beaten six lengths at level weights at Newbury by Chesham Squire, who in turn had been beaten three lengths at Cheltenham a fortnight earlier by Jason's *Quest* and *Young* Snugfit.

That suggests Kribensis will find YOUNG SNUGFIT a very tough nut to crack this afternoon.

● The Ridings is making a quick reappearance in the EBF Spring Sowing Hunters' Chase (Sedgefield 2.45) today after winning the South Durham Ladies' open race under Fiona Tate on Saturday (Brian Beel writes). Nevertheless, I prefer the Haydon open race winner DOUGLAS BRIG with Nottingham hunter chase second Water Wagtail as the main danger.

HUNTINGDON

Selections
By Mandarin

2.00 King Of The Lot.
2.30 Delius.
3.00 Young Snugfit.
3.30 Bright Intervals.

4.00 Bundle Boy.
4.30 RYDE AGAIN (nap).
5.00 Mr Kirby.

By Michael Seely
2.00 EPITROT (nap). 3.00 Kribensis. 3.30 Bright Intervals.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 DELIUS.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

2.0 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: Div I: £1,329: 2m 100yds) (16 runners)

2	0-P421F	KING OF THE LOT 11 (S) (Lord Strathmore) R Lee 5-11-5	G Memagh	95
5	P	BRUCE ROCK 17 (Mrs P Meyrat) R Casey 5-11-0	J Barlow	—
6	00	BURNING LIGHT 64 (Mrs J Trendell) T Casey 6-11-0	E Buckley	83
8	0	DO YOUR OWN THING 6 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-11-0	D Murphy	78
10	P03	EPITROT 11 (A Gooda) M Robinson 5-11-0	J White	● 99
12	30	FISHERMAN'S TALE 55 (H Joel) A Turnell 5-11-0	S Knight	86
14	00	FOUR FROM THE EDGE 65 (A Armitage) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	79
15	00	FOXTREE 64 (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 5-11-0	S Keightley	—
16	F0464F	GEMTINO 5 (Miss J Wood) J L Harris 5-11-0	J A Harris	75
19	0-20	GOLD SHAFT 118 (Mrs A Sturt) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe	83
26		RICHMONDSON 640 (Miss B Chipp) P O'Connor 6-11-0	R J Beggan	—
32		*TIDAL STREAM (S Preston) T Forster 5-11-0*	*N Davies*	—
39	0	FIRMITER 36 (G Johnson) N Henderson 6-10-9	S Smith Eccles	72
41	P-0	LILIANA 91 (R Collins) D Bell 6-10-9	Lorna Vincent	—
42	64-P300	LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 53 (Miss L Wonnacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-9	D Wonnacott	—
43		ROLLING DICE 111 (Mrs A Sheppard) Mrs I McKie 5-10-9	L Harvey	—

BETTING: 13-8 Epitrot, 100-30 Gold Shaft, 9-2 Firmiter, 6-1 Fisherman's Tale, 7-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM KING OF THE LOT, badly hampered and fell last time, previously (11-5) 3l winner from Scale Model (10-2) at Bangor (2m 80yd, £672, soft, Dec 4, 5 ran).
EPITROT (11-0) 2l 3rd to Waterloo Boy (11-0) at Newbury last time (2m 100yd, £2800, heavy, Feb 12, 27 ran).
FISHERMAN'S TALE (11-0) 13l 3rd to Deep Treasure (11-0) on Sandown debut (2m, £3298, good, Dec 4, 17 ran).
GEMTINO (10-3) best effort over course and distance on penultimate start (£1568, soft, Feb 11, 17 ran) when 14½l 4th to Regal Castle (12-4).
GOLD SHAFT (11-4) showed best on Plumpton reappearance (2m, £1102, soft, Oct 14, 18 ran) 5l 2nd to Sonny Hill Lad (11-4).
FIRMITER (10-12) 29½ 6th to Tarahumara (10-12) at Fontwell latest (2m 2f, £1567, soft, Jan 18, 19 ran).
Selection: EPITROT

2.30 JIM HOLDEN NOVICES CHASE (£2,041: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

2	1	*DELIUS 32 (D,S) (J Panton) R Lee 10-11-10*	P Nicholls	● 99
8	00000F	DOFF 17 (S) (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 7-11-3	NON RUNNER	—
10	3P-434P	FENCE JUDGE 34 (S Preston) T Forster 5-11-3	C Llewellyn	80
12	0/00400	HILLCASTLE 57 (BF) (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 7-11-3	R Guest	—
14	32P34-P	LLANPADRIG 6 (Newmarket Thoroughbred R & C Plc) P Haslam 8-11-3	C Brown	85
19	3	PADDY BUCK 299 (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 8-11-3	Peter Hobbs	—
21	302-00F	RANDOM CHARGE 32 (P De Wilde) A Turnell 7-11-3	S Knight	—
22	0F4FF0	SALMON RUN 34 (BF) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-11-3	R Bellamy (7)	88
23	30000/3-	STANAUDBOU 514 (Mrs P Townley) M Wilkinson 7-11-3	P Croucher	68
24	400	THE DOORMAKER 59 (A Harvey Ltd) T Forster 6-11-3	Mr M Anstyage (4)	—
26	100-U2P	TIBURS DOUBLE 71 (G,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 7-11-3	H Davies	84
28	00/00	VANASHING TANNER 67 (N Cebburn) D Thom 8-11-3	M Brennan	61
30	0443-RR	MARITA ANN 87 (B) (Mrs S Anderson) J Webber 7-10-12	G Memagh	—
31	84/0000	PRECIPICE MOSS 6 (G) (*Mrs J Landless*) *Mrs I McKie 8-10-12*	*L Harvey*	—
32	6/251-2F	SPECIAL VENTURE 3 (BF,F) (J Roche) O O'Neill 7-10-12	NON RUNNER	—
33	P-	CASH TO BURN 299 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-7	S J O'Neill	—
34	000044	CUDDY DALE 12 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-7	R Supple (7)	81
35	44P020	DRY GIN 5 (L Naylor) M Chapman 5-10-7	S Mitchell (7)	72

BETTING: 7-4 Delius, 3-1 Llanpadrig, 4-1 Hillcastle, 6-1 The Doormaker, 10-1 Paddy Buck, 12-1 others.
1987: TICKITE BOO 7-11-10 M Dwyer (1-2 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12 ran

FORM DELIUS (11-4) beat Royal Stag (11-10), who won at Fontwell yesterday, *4l* at Kempton (2m *4f*, £2400, heavy, Jan 22, 9 ran) with RANDOM CHARGE (11-4) a 13th fence faller.
FENCE JUDGE (10-10) best judged on 14l 4th to Upham Gamble (10-10) at Towcester (2m 50yd, £1367, good to soft, Dec 12, 14 ran).
STANAUDBOU (10-10) 12l 3rd to Flight Sheet (10-12) at Stratford (2m, £1538, good to firm, Sept 1986, 7 ran).
VANASHING TANNER (10-12) 31l 3rd to Sassanoco (10-12) at Folkestone (2m 5f 110yd, £1810, soft, Dec 18, 10 ran).
Selection: DELIUS

3.0 CHATTERIS FEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,006: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

1	100PP1	CHARLIE DICKINS 34 (S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 11-3	P Dever	82
2	1	KRIBENSIS 24 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 11-0	R Dunwoody	98
4	41P2	YOUNG SNUGFIT 24 (S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 11-0	R J Beggan	● 99
5	4111	FALLING SHADOW 6 (D,S) (Mrs M Taylor) J Pearce 10-12	J McLaughlin	96
6	0	ALPHASONIC 17 (Mrs J Locke) P Cundell 10-10	M Pennet	—
7	0	CAMPSEA-ASH 32 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-10	R Supple	—
8	P0	CRYSTAL HAWK 34 (Tomlyn Scaffolding Ltd) M Wilkinson 10-10	C Llewellyn	—
9		FAVOURITE GUEST (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 10-10	D Browne	—
11		LOUDER THAN WORDS (J Bush) D Thom 10-10	M Brennan	—
12		LUCAYAN GOLD (Newmarket Thoroughbred R & C Plc) *P Haslam 10-10*	*C Brown*	—
14	P0	SLIM HOPE 88 (Mrs A Fagan) D Ringer 10-10	D Murphy	—

BETTING: 4-5 Kribensis, 2-1 Young Snugfit, 4-1 Falling Shadow, 7-1 Charlie Dickens, 12-1 others.
1987: ALDINO 10-10 C Cox (7-2) O Sherwood 9 ran

FORM CHARLIE DICKINS (11-5) ridden out to beat *Not Alone (10-7) 5l at Ludlow* (2m, £896, good to soft, Jan 20, 17 ran).
KRIBENSIS (11-2) battled on well to beat Eskimo Mite (11-8) a neck on Doncaster debut (2m 150yd, £2927, soft, Jan 30, 16 ran) and is a strong fancy for the Triumph hurdle at Cheltenham.
YOUNG SNUGFIT (11-0), a sprinter on the flat, *stayed well enough at Cheltenham latest* (2m, £7376, heavy, Jan 30, 9 ran) when a short head 2nd to *Jason's Quest (11-0)*.
FALLING SHADOW (10-8) had a 3l win over Silver Ocean (10-7) at Folkestone last time (2m 100yd, £2226, heavy, Feb 17, 9 ran).
FAVOURITE GUEST finished 3½l 3rd to subsequent Irish Derby winner Sir Harry Lewis in a listed race at Chester when racing on the flat.
Selection: YOUNG SNUGFIT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Balding	10	41	24.4
O Sherwood	8	35	22.9
N Henderson	8	40	20.0
J Gifford	15	85	17.6
D Gandolfo	6	37	16.2
T Casey	5	31	16.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Richard Guest	5	21	23.8
S Smith Eccles	15	65	23.1
S Shilston	4	21	19.0
O Sherwood	5	36	13.9
H Davies	7	51	13.7
R Rowe	9	67	13.4

3.30 TICK FEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,308: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	3-0211F	BRIGHT INTERVALS 32 (BF,G) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 5-11-10	B de Haan	98
2	1-0218P	DUNSTALL 24 (D,F,G,S) (J Drewery) B Morgan 11-11-6	G Prince (7)	90
3	12/6111-	WELLFIELD 276 (CD,F,G) (P Goulandris) P Calver 10-11-6	G McCourt	95
5	4U112	BEAU DEREK 29 (BF,D,G,S) (W Spink) T Barron 8-11-3	G Harker	● 99
8	30000/1-	GOLDEN DELICIOUS 521 (D,F,G) (J M-Buchanan) D Nicholson 8-10-11	R Dunwoody	84
11	22F0-030	CLEAR THE COURSE 40 (S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-10-7	C Llewellyn	95
12	4091-P	KYLE PRINCE 34 (G) (Dr D Beeton) P Rasson 9-10-6	R J Beggan	90
13	040211	SILENT ECHO 55 (CD,F,G,S) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 13-10-6	A Webb	91
15	P-F0F0U	*GENERALISE 18 (S) (J Browne Construction Co Ltd) G Thomer 8-10-1*	J White	95
16	PF0220	MORE ONE WAY 63 (G,S) (D Heath) R Parker 7-10-0	M Perdang	97
17	FF21PF/	THE FRUIT 651 (D,F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-10-0	Mrs N Ledger	—
18	0BP-000	JAUNTER 98 (S) (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 8-10-0	S Keightley	—
19	44P24-3	PALATINATE 59 (F) (G Hartigan) G Hartigan 10-10-0	J Barlow	96
20	030030	THE DIPLOMAT 4 (F,G,S) (R Orgles) W Kemp 10-10-0	Mr S McKeevor (7)	82
22	00/400	SILVER LEO 53 (G) (B Wade) J L Harris 10-10-0	J A Harris	—

BETTING: 7-2 Beau Derek, 4-1 Bright Intervals, 5-1 Silent Echo, 8-1 Clear The Course, 10-1 others.
1987: FRENCH CAPTAIN 11-11-3 M Kinane (3-1 jt-fav) Lady Harries 9 ran

FORM BRIGHT INTERVALS (11-4), on penultimate start, beat Special Venture (10- 7) a neck at Wolverhampton (2m, £2890, heavy, Dec 26, 9 ran).
DUNSTALL has twice disappointed since (11-4) beating Bryma (10-12) 2½l at Worcester (2m 4f, £1331, good, Dec 7, 8 ran).
WELLFIELD (10-10) easily beat Deep And Even (11-7) 5l at Warwick (2m 4f, £2068, good to firm, May 23, 7 ran).
BEAU DEREK (12-0) seen to best advantage when beating Folly Hill (11-7) 8l at Edinburgh (2m4f, £1202, good, Jan 7, 11 ran).
GOLDEN DELICIOUS (11-0) beat Karnatak (11-5) 1½l at Warwick (2m 4f, £1777, firm, Sept 1985, 9 ran).
SILENT ECHO (10-0) beat Lanacre Bridge (11-2) ¾l at Warwick (2m 4f, £2310, soft, Dec 30, 9 ran).
Selection: WELLFIELD

4.0 FARLET FEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,253: 2m) (14 runners)

1	1-FP3PF	AUGHRA BOURA 34 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 12-11-10	R Rowe	86
2	0-3130U	MY MAJOR 12 (D,S) (Mrs J Godfrey) P W Harris 9-11-9	D Skyrme (7)	96
4	F-FP393	BUNDLE BOY 32 (D,G,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 10-11-7	H Davies	● 99
5	1/2221P-	CUMREW 382 (B,D,G,S) (N Harris) N Henderson 8-11-6	S Smith Eccles	86
6	0P-00P0	POLAR SUNSET 12 (F,G,S) (C MacSwiney) T Forster 10-11-6	C Llewellyn	82
7	F/00-2F0	ROLL-A-JOINT 34 (G,S) (M Kingsley) G Thomer 10-11-6	J White	91
9	0P-P02F	*NETHER WALLOP 95 (BF,CD,S) (Miss S Webber) J Webber 11-10-13*	G Memagh	53
11	P-UP00P	NOTRE CHEVAL 40 (S) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 9-10-8	Peter Hobbs	84
12	0/13-30U	GIOLLA WAY 40 (F,G) (J W Praw & Sons) D Gandolfo 9-10-6	M Ahern (4)	88
14	F133FP	LORDY BOY 40 (BF,S) (D Sanger) D Nicholson 7-10-2	R Dunwoody	96
15	P2PPU2	VALMAI 7 (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-10-0	Mrs N Ledger	—
16	PUPP-0P	INDIAN SIGNAL 12 (S) (T Rollingson) T Rollingson 9-10-0	Mr S Cowell	—
17	300FP0	FLEMINGTON 32 (B,F) (J Hewitt) W Penn 9-10-0	M Bowlby	82
18	0U234S	HALLO MATEY 4 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-0	R Supple (7)	96

BETTING: 7-2 Bundle Boy, 11-2 My Major, 7-1 Lordy Boy, Cumrew, 8-1 Nether Wallop, 10-1 others.
1987: AUGHRA BOURA 11-11-7 R Rowe (9-1) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM MY MAJOR (11-0) best effort this term a 4l defeat of ROLL-A-JOINT (11-0) at Windsor (3m, £2540, good to soft, Nov 14, 9 ran).
BUNDLE BOY (11-4) 5l 3rd to Rig Steel (11-3) at Kempton (3m, £2658, heavy, Jan 22, 8 ran) with HALLO MATEY (10-0) another 6l behind in 4th.
CUMREW (10-12) best judged on a ¾l defeat of Mr Dibbs (10-12) at Leicester (3m, £2168, soft, Jan 1987, 13 ran).
NETHER WALLOP (10-2), on penultimate start, a length 2nd to Eton Rouge (11-4) at Warwick (3m 4f 180yd, £3494, good to soft, Nov 20, 12 ran).
LORDY BOY has twice failed to complete since (11-11) finishing 6½l 3rd to Farmlea Boy (11-4) here (2m 4f, £1622, good to soft, Dec 1, 14 ran) with HALLO MATEY (11-4) a well beaten 9th.
Selection: MY MAJOR

4.30 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: Div II: £1,324: 2m 100yd) (15 runners)

1	1	RYDE AGAIN 54 (S) (Mrs K Hayward) P Cundell 5-11-10	H Davies	93
4	P0	BELVOIR BOY 5 (Miss C Beardsley) S Bowring 6-11-0	D Shaw	—
9	0	DUKE'S WHISTLE 64 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
17	0	GIDDY BRIG 34 (Mrs J McCormack) S T Harris 7-11-0	C Mann	—
20	P	*I LIKE IT A LOT 36 (Mrs L Lewis) C Tristlne 5-11-0*	*W Humphreys (4)*	—
21	00	MR GRIFFIN 64 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-11-0	D Murphy	—
22	400	MR PAW 13 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-0	R Supple (7)	70
23	0020	PEMBROKE BAY 54 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	98
24	PP	PICK ROUNDSTONE 34 (P Langmead) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe	—
29	040	SPEAKERS CORNER 8 (Baxter & Walsh Ltd) M Wilkinson 5-11-0	C Llewellyn	89
30	3F00	SWARDEAN 13 (Mrs A Starkie) R Lee 5-11-0	G Memagh	● 99
31	030	THE CHERRY MAN 47 (BF,G) (*I Low*) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	93
38	0	EVENING PERSUIT 132 (R Smith) T Casey 5-10-9	L Harvey	—
40	F0-3300	HIGH RIVER 59 (F Lees) B Morgan 6-10-9		85
46	P0	SUTTON LASS 7 (H Harper) H Harper 5-10-9	M Bosley	—

BETTING: 15-8 Ryde Again, 9-2 The Cherry Man, 5-1 Pembroke Bay, 10-1 Swardean, 12-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM RYDE AGAIN (10-12) beat The Belswat Boy (11-4) a length at Leicester last time (2m, £1694, heavy, Dec 31, 17 ran) with SPEAKERS CORNER (10-12) 14l 4th and a below par PEMBROKE BAY (10-12) unplaced.
PEMBROKE BAY (10-10) showed better form at Nottingham in December (2m, £905, heavy, 20 ran) when 6l 2nd to Cheltenham fancy Mole Board (10-10).
SWARDEAN (11-6) 4½l 5th to French Goblin (11-10) at Ascot with MR PAW (11-6) a never nearer 7th.
THE CHERRY MAN (11-4) best judged on a one paced 8½l 3rd, when favourite, to Ganoon (11-8) at Folkestone (2m 100yd, £855, soft, Dec 22, 19 ran).
Selection: PEMBROKE BAY

5.0 LONGWOOD FEN NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,649: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

3	42IF0-0	ISLAND PEARL 36 (G) (F Bush) W Kemp 8-11-10	S Shilston	98
5	400-P	PRINCE BOLD 144 (BF) (J & J Slitting Services) M Robinson 8-11-8	E Waite	92
6	P-00301	DROWSY 35 (B,D,S) (R Clark) O Sherwood 6-11-7	*A Smith (7)*	95
7	34310	IMPECCABLE TIMING 3 (BF,S) (W Robinson) O O'Neill 5-11-5	NON RUNNER	—
8	0-023	LE MOULIN 34 (BF) (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	M Pitman	95
10	FUP1-	SAMMY DRAKE 421 (S) (G Thorp) R Lee 11-11-4	G Memagh	—
11	22P3-F0	ESPERO 8 (T Shiler) C J Vernon Miller 7-11-1	K Mooney	95
12	0022-00	TACHYLINE 248 (A Page) J Honeyball 7-11-1	Peter Hobbs	91
15	03001F	MUSIC MINSTREL 35 (B) (S Redmond) A Turnell 5-11-0	I Lawrence (7)	92
16	DF0323	LA SHAKA 33 (S Allen) A Moore 5-11-0	G Moore	91
17	140400	COLLISTO 48 (D,F) (Mrs S Aldridge) D Bell 7-10-13	Lorna Vincent	92
18	0023	LOVER BILL 35 (Dr P Brown) M Wilkinson 6-10-13	C Llewellyn	94
20	0000-19	MR KIRBY 45 (D,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-10-11	D Murphy	92
21	0-3300	DENBERDAR 59 (D Newton) R Hollinshead 5-10-11	P Dever	97
22	0044	BELINDA VARD 53 (G Lansbury) R Armytage 5-10-10	B Powell	92
23	0UP0	CHASE THE LINE 46 (D Hornby) O Nicholson 5-10-10	R Dunwoody	—
24	423-PP0	SWISS NEPHEW 57 (Mrs E Sheehan) Lady Harries 5-10-10	I Shoemark (7)	● 99
25	0PP	HIGH RANGE 33 (S) (R Coombs) Pat Mitchell 5-10-9	S Keightley	98
26	04-01PP	ALI PALI 124 (F) (A Ayres) R Parker 5-10-8	M Perdang	93
29	023400	UP THE LADDER 7 (V Thompson) C Charlet 4-10-7	S Woods (7)	84
33	P60083	PROUD SOLDIER 66 (P Talbot-Ponsonby) M Scudamore 5-10-5	M Williams	87
35	002	*SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 73 (Qualiker Holdings Ltd) K Stone 7-10-4*	J J Quinn	85

BETTING: 5-1 Drowsy, 11-2 Le Moulin, 13-2 Music Minstrel, La Shaka, 8-1 Lover Bill, 12-1 Saskia's Reprieve, Mr Kirby, 16-1 Prince Bold, Up The Ladder, 20-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM DROWSY (10-12) stayed on to beat Shahs Choice (10-12) a length at Worcester (2m *4f*, £1255, heavy, Jan 19, 22 ran) with MUSIC MINSTREL (10-12) a fatter two out when holding every chance.
LE MOULIN (11-0) 13l 3rd to Pearly King (11-0) at Ludlow (2m, £710, good to soft, Jan 20, 18 ran).
LA SHAKA (11-3) 14l 3rd to Esha Ness (11-5) at Lingfield (2m, £754, heavy, Jan 21, 13 ran).
LOVER BILL (10-12) 22l 3rd to Prime Oats (10-12) at Worcester (2m *4f*, £1222, heavy, Jan 19, *24 ran*).
MR KIRBY (10-0) best judged on an 8l defeat of Snowline Chap (11-7) at Wetherby (2m4f, £1331, soft, Dec 28, 20 ran).
Selection: DROWSY

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. *S-slipped up. R-refused*). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,277: 3m 600yd) (14 runners)

1	10F100	AVIATION SUPPORT 29 (CD,F) (J Wade) W A Stephenson-8-11-3	C Grant	—
2	0-P0013	HATSU-GIRIE 32 (C,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 7-10-12	Mr S Swiers (7)	81
3	0-024U2	ALMONDBURY 36 (Mrs S Brook) M W Easterby 7-10-10	Mr T Thomson Jones	● 99
4	0110-08	BORDER TINKER 71 (S) (Running Horse Ltd) N Bradley 8-10-10	G Bradley	—
6	F4P-F	BROKTED SPAR 24 (T Wardle) P Blockley 7-10-10	M Dwyer	—
8	0042-04	ETERNAL CREDIT 2 (B) (Mrs E Fisher) R Fisher 6-10-10	J D Doyle	85
14	0110-08	RIVERMOT 16 (S) (P Pitter) W A Stephenson 5-10-10	A Merrigan (4)	—
15	04P44-2	SEALED OFFER 19 (Miss J Hay) P Beaumont *10-10-10*	*P Farrell (4)*	87
19	300402	VALORDSO 29 (F,S) (Miss B Baker) A Le Blond 8-10-10	Mr D Franks	89
20	0BP	CELTIC FORT 18 (P Tylor) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-5	P Niven	—
21	0-004P0	CHANCES PITCH 29 (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 7-10-5	A Somers (7)	—
22	0002P/P-	EDENBURY 442 (Mrs H Allan) Miss A Allan 10-10-5	S Selby (7)	—
23	PP	MASTERS MAGIC 7 (Mrs C Stallard) J Cosgrave 9-10-5	C Hawkins	—
24	00-0000	SIBERIAN MOON 41 (M Fenwick) Mrs A Speke 8-10-5	T Reed	—

BETTING: 7-4 Almondbury, 5-2 Sealed Offer, 5-1 Hatsu-Girie, 8-1 Aviation Support, 10-1 others.
1987: STAR OF SCREEN 7-11-3 D Browne (13-8 fav) J Edwards 15 ran

3.45 SHOTTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,699: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	0111P-	POLLY'S PAL 348 (C,F,S) (S Payne) S Payne 10-12-4	J R Quinn (7)	92
2	0-634F	GOWAN HOUSE 25 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Wilson Walker) W A Stephenson 9-11-10	C Grant	● 99
6	040U40	KERSIL 9 (CD,G,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 11-11-0	C Dennis (7)	95
7	3F1403	WELSH SPIRIT 53 (C,D,S) (R Boulton) P Blockley 9-10-13	M Dwyer	94
8	FF4-34P	SHOOLER PRINCE 67 (CD,G,S) (F Watson) F Watson 11-10-6	A Merrigan (4)	86
10	0031P-0	CORNER 32 (CD,F,G,S) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 12-10-4	K Jones	92
11	0/21P44	MR PERFECT 38 (D,S) (Mrs J Musgrave) B Wilkinson 9-10-3	M Hammond	94
12	0100231	TRAILING ROSE 47 (CD,S) (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-2	P Niven	93
13	0F0/330-	NEWSTEAD 347 (CD,G,S) (Miss B Fairbairn) W Fairgrieve 10-10-2	J Kinane	—
14	23U033-	MAGGIES GIRL 394 (G,S) (Mrs M Stillman) Denys Smith 9-10-2	P Tuck	93
15	0-F3000	PURPLE BEAM 38 (C,F,G) (T Barnes) T Barnes 9-10-1	R Crank	86
17	FP0F00	TIERSENEE 10 (F,S) (F Barton) F Barton 10-10-0	J Hansen	—
18	00-0300	BORDER KNIGHT 41 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 13-10-0	B Storey	98

BETTING: 9-4 Gowan House, 3-1 Trailing Rose, 5-1 Polly's Pal, 6-1 Welsh Spirit, 8-1 others.
1987: KERSIL 10-10-6 Mr J Osborne (7-1) J Swiers 12 ran

4.15 BILLINGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

2	4130	CRESTED 5 (BF,S) (J Chapman) G Moore 11-10	M Hammond	92
3	030461	PHILS PRIDE 74 (D,S) (A Baymont) A Smith 11-10	J A Harris	86
4	P0PP	COOL REBEL 11 (Mrs I Bell) Miss M Bell 11-0	B Storey	—
5	0040	ESCUDERO 22 (R Robinson) R Robinson 11-0	D Topp (4)	● 99
7	433	EUROCON 18 (W Swiers) T Barron 11-0	C Hawkins	76
9	00P0	GALALOE GLEN 26 (J Wood) J Cosgrave 11-0	C Hawkins	—
10	000	GEORRITONY 55 (G Addison) D Moffatt 11-0	K Teeton	76
11		HUNTING COUNTRY (Mrs G Smith) J J O'Neill 11-0	M Dwyer	—
12	04	RUNNING MONEY 36 (Lord Lilford) J Wilson 11-0	G Bradley	97
13	003330	SKINSHILL 10 (B) (Mrs A Hanson) M W Easterby 11-0	C Grant	53
14		SPRING FORWARD (G Whittaker) R Peacock 11-0	P Niven	—
15	038332	YOUNG WARRIOR 3 (Miss M Bell) Miss M Bell 11-0	P Tuck	97
18	00	ROYAL MAGICIAN 34 (B) (Mrs N Charlton) E Alston 10-9	M Alston (7)	—
19	0P	SCOTTO'S REGRET 32 (Miss D Taylor) F Taylor 10-9	P Harris (7)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Eurocon, 7-2 Crossed, 3-2 Hunting Country, 6-1 Phils Pride, 8-1 others.
1987: TANCRED SAND 11-0 M Hill (5-4 fav) J Jefferson 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Jefferson	5	15	33.3
T Barron	6	19	31.6
S Payne	4	14	28.6
G Moore	10	37	27.0
F Watson	4	17	23.5
R Tate	3	13	23.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Hill	5	18	27.8
M Dwyer	14	55	25.5
A Merrigan	8	32	25.0
G Bradley	6	27	22.2
C Grant	35	176	19.9
L Wyer	5	27	18.5

Revitalized Nupsala ready for new battle

Cheltenham, the high point of the National Hunt calendar, is three weeks away. This year there is an extra ingredient — two formidable raiders from France. Nupsala, already famous for his King George '87 Chase victory on Boxing Day, goes for an historic double in the Gold Cup, while the dark horse, Marly River, is among the favourites for the Champion Hurdle. DICK HINDER reports today from Nupsala's stables at Lamorlaye, near Chantilly

David Hands, our Rugby Correspondent, salutes a nation that has rediscovered freedom of expression

Welsh dragon setting the land on fire

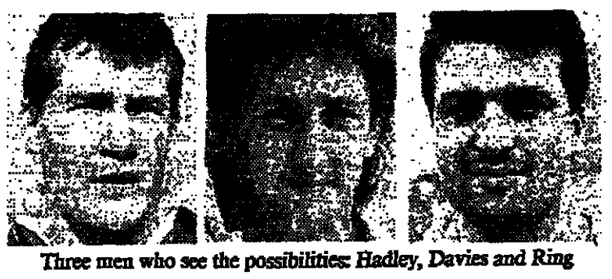
Those of us fortunate to witness at first hand the rugby played during the World Cup last summer are getting our cake with dollops of cream on it. At just past the halfway stage of the five nations' championship we have had six excellent games which, if not all as compelling as Wales's victory over Scotland at the weekend, have been worthy advertisements for Rugby Union.

It is not strictly relevant that the standards of excellence are not so high, perhaps, as those to which All Black or Springbok might aspire. What is relevant is the varied contribution which British and Irish teams are making to a competition which, if an opinion poll run by *L'Equipe* at the weekend is any guide, retains the affection of the majority of spectators.

The poll suggested that, for the French at least, the prestige of the five nations' championship remained unaffected by the World Cup. That may be because of French success over the last decade; it also has to do with the established traditions of the tournament; *but traditions alone are not* enough if playing standards decline. The evidence of this season suggests that the essential playing appeal is as strong as ever.

For that we owe a debt to the Welsh and the Scots, even if Scotland can look forward to no more than a place midway up the championship table. Given their losses in key personnel this season, that is scarcely surprising, though at one stage on Saturday thoughts of at least a shared championship must have begun to flicker when they led by 10 points in Cardiff.

But what of Wales, much maligned at the beginning of the year? They are playing with a freedom they will not be granted on tour in New Zealand this summer but which will not harm their confidence and could have a positive effect on the game as played at club level. One of Tony Gray's problems as national coach has been to encourage players to express themselves in a way few do, week in and



Three men who see the possibilities: *Hadley, Davies and Ring*

week out, in the tightly knit Welsh club circuit.

"I was most pleased on Saturday by their approach, by the way in which they carried through what we had practised and what we have been practising for several years," Gray said yesterday. "It would be so much easier if it was what they were used to doing every week but we even hear now people saying cup games should be different to normal club games, that everything should be tightened up even more to avoid errors and so people become afraid to express themselves.

"Of course there are areas of the game which still need work. An *obvious one* is the defence — we missed too many tackles and allowed the big Scots forwards to run too far. But the players are now *showing* they are capable of making decisions and using the ball to good effect. I wasn't worried, for instance, when Adrian Hadley threw a long, quick ball from touch because we won a good position from it and he had recognized the possibility open to him."

The *possibility* opening up for Wales is their first triple crown of the 1980s; that is the prize on offer against Ireland in Dublin on March 5. Only when that match is won can they begin to consider a grand slam in the game against France in *Cardiff on March 19.*

There are not too many options available to Ireland, who struggled badly in the tight five in Paris. One possibility canvassed at the weekend was the switching of Des Fitzgerald from tight-head to loose-head prop *and the return of* Jim McCoy, capped eight times thus far.

Fitzgerald's club colleague at Lansdowne, Tom Clancy, would add bulk to the front row, as would the inclusion of the Ballymena *hooker, Steve Smith.* Elsewhere Ireland might give thought to someone like Denis McBride, the Malone flanker, in an effort to keep *tabs, so far as that is possible, on* Jonathan Davies.

The Welsh stand-off half has not lacked for superlatives this weekend; he had an amazingly effective game against Scotland. Only two kicks which went anything like astray, otherwise his play was guaranteed to give his colleagues the utmost encouragement. The distribution of possession to him, as opposed to Andrew Ker, his opposite number, was not hugely different and in the first half it was almost on a par.

But in the third quarter Davies dominated the match. During that period Ker saw the ball once; Davies was everywhere, mostly running and passing to bring the best out of the gifted Ring and *drawing the sting from the Scottish* loose forwards, who had played well in the first half.

It was not hard to see the effect on his forwards who, as they did against England, absorbed a great deal of pressure in the first half and came through to dominate the second. Even if the second two games do not bear out the promise of the first two, Wales's contribution to this season's championship has already been enormous.

ROWING

London's rate finds Oxford out of order

By Jim Railton

Oxford will be scratching their heads and undoubtedly going back to the drawing-board after their defeat, by one and a half lengths, by London University on the Tideway on Saturday. London, in a row from the University Stone to Chiswick Steps, were sharper and crisper from start to finish and looked like a racing crew.

Oxford, on the other hand, looked ponderous and unable to lift their cadence when it was necessary to do so to have any hope of getting on level terms.

Oxford, on Middlesex, were quick off the start and within half a minute had a canvas which was soon whittled down. Simon Webb, of London, rating three strokes higher than Oxford, was a quarter of a length up on the Dark Blues after two minutes. By then, both crews were living on the edge as far as steering was concerned and the almost-traditional clash came when London, fighting for the tide, collided with Oxford.

To their credit, both crews recovered remarkably fast, and by Hammersmith Bridge, London had three-quarters of a length, which they gradually increased to a length and a half by Chiswick Steps, which was reached in just over 11 minutes.

The only notable change in the Oxford order was the swapping of Jonathan Searle and Richard Hull in the No. 7 and No. 3 seats. Searle has looked impressive backing Mike Gaffney, the stroke, at No. 7, but coaches do not like exposing youngsters to an important stern place.

On Saturday, *Hull*, although stronger, did not provide that smooth transition at No. 7, so the Oxford coaching team will certainly be looking at the order of the crew. It can not be long before Tom Cadoux-Hudson, the experienced international, is promoted to No. 7, while eyes must linger on the Isis crew, who after a restart on Saturday beat London University's second eight by two lengths. Somebody is making the Isis boat move rather quickly.

So Oxford have a lot of thinking to do before they defend the Beefeater Trophy in the Boat Race in six weeks' time on April 2.

Cambridge hosted Imperial College at Ely over the weekend and had some comfortable wins and no losses over the two days.

ATHLETICS

Jackson fit enough to run for Britain in European event

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Colin Jackson, returning from injury, and Barrington Williams, complete with British passport, will compete in France on Saturday in an event which emphasizes the commercial possibilities of a European indoor circuit.

Eurosport Communications, a Paris-based company already responsible for a score of athletic events in France, has secured the backing of the European Economic Community cultural division, and the sponsorship of several French companies, to mount an event in Vittel, the home of the biggest of those companies, in eastern France.

Athletes from each of the dozen EEC countries will compete in a meeting whose budget is FFr1.5 million (£150,000); and most of the countries are expected to relay television coverage. But there *is bound to be an element of* criticism, due to there being only five events for men and four for women instead of the *complete indoor track and* field programme.

But those who have been selected stand to win FFr12,000 (£1,200) for a victory. And Jackson and Williams, and many others in the strong British team, will be high among the favourites.

Jackson, the world bronze medal winner in the high hurdles last summer, has finally shaken off a hamstring injury with treatment in Norway, where he had his only race of the winter. He completed the 60 metres hurdles in 6.82sec, but should improve on that on Saturday.

Williams's sudden acquisition of a British passport, *after being told last week to* expect to wait 18 months, should also give him the impetus to improve his flat 60 *metres best of 6.71sec.* He can now compete in the European indoor championships the following week, and qualifies for *Olympic selection.*

Tony Morrell, the second-fastest indoor 800 metres runner in the world (behind Sebastian Coe) runs the 600 metres. Beverley Kinch, the European indoor 60 metres champion in 1984, runs in her speciality. Brian Whittle (300 metres), John Herbert (triple jump), Janet Bell (600 metres), Lesley-Anne Skeete (hurdles) and Kim Hagger (long jump) should also figure well.

Fear of slander

The committee investigating allegations of drug abuse in athletics, including those published in *The Times* in December, is meeting opposition from people who would like to testify but believe the terms of reference of the investigation leave *them open to litigation* (Pat Butcher writes).

Charles Taylor, who has coached more than a score of internationals during the last 30 years, did not figure in the original revelations in *The Times*. But he went on record afterwards as saying that he had evidence of malpractice by leading officials in British athletics, and he would be among the first to testify to the committee.

But Taylor wrote yesterday to Peter Coni, the head of the three-man committee, saying he now felt unable to do so. Taylor said: "Much as I regret it, I have had to refuse, simply because the committee does not offer any confidentiality. In the letter of *invitation to give evidence*, it says that everything will be placed on public record.

"That's all very well, but what I have to say is only my word against the word of the person I would testify against. Although it's perfectly true, I can't afford the possibility of being sued."

Taylor said that this was a common view among others he had spoken to.

Out of mothballs and into adventure



Nineteen years after completing the first non-stop circumnavigation, Robin Knox-Johnston, the solo yachtsman, is preparing his veteran yacht, Suhaili, *for another great adventure*, the Carlsberg single-handed transatlantic race from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island (Barry Pickthall writes).

Knox-Johnston is one of 120 entrants to sign up for the race, and yesterday Suhaili was moved by road from Woolverstone, Suffolk, where she has been laid up for the past four years, to the former Royal Navy dockyard at Chatham, Kent, for a two-month refit *to renovate* her decking, fastenings and rigging.

The famous 32ft ketch, built in India in 1964, is not expected to feature in the Carlsberg prize list. She averaged a sedate four knots during the Sunday Times Golden Globe race, and Knox-Johnston expects to take up to two months to complete the 3,000-mile crossing, against an expected 14 days for the winner.

Knox-Johnston remains unperturbed: "I'm doing the race to keep my hand in for the next non-stop Round-the-World race in 1989, and my time at sea *will be well spent working out ways to* beat the French," Britain's best-known solo sailor said yesterday.

GOLF

Pate will try hand at Open

From John Ballantine
La Jolla, California

Steve Pate won his second tournament of the season here in the San Diego Open and finished seven strokes ahead of Severiano Ballesteros, who ended a hard-working week with a 68 to finish in a creditable joint eighteenth place.

Pate, aged 26, of California, will meet Ballesteros, aged 30, of Spain, again in the Los Angeles Open, which starts on Thursday, and also at Royal Lytham St Anne's in July. Pate confirmed that his victory here *convinced him finally to make* up his mind to cross the Atlantic to compete for the first time in the Open Championship.

Pate, a personable young man, will, of course, see a very different Ballesteros at Lytham. Ballesteros will be in full flow there, where he was just finding his early season touch here.

Ballesteros won the first of his two Open Championships at Lytham in 1979. The way he did *it still lingers bitter-sweet in the* mouths and minds of other leading players. When I asked Greg Norman at Pebble Beach recently if he fancied his chances at Lytham, the Australian drawled: "Yeah, I'm going to knock the ball into all the car parks." This was a reference to *Ballesteros's wild driving and* magical conjuring shots from the rough in that year.

So do we have another Nicklaus or Crenshaw in Pate? Hardly that, although the tough little professional from Ventura who won the rain-shortened Tournament of Champions at nearby La Costa in early January could become perhaps as good as Crenshaw or Larry Nelson. He has a very compact, powerful swing, a silky touch on chips and pitches and putts, and his nerve is strong, as he showed here with his final birdie to beat Jay Haas.

Pate and Haas are making the money list a two-horse race. Haas leads with $261,331 (£154,000), but Pate is close behind with $229,888 (£135,000). Sandy Lyle, who restarts in Miami next week, will be eager to get back into the fray. The Scot has won $145,879 (£86,000).

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 276: J Haas, 69, 67, 68, 68. 271: G Morgan, 74, 62, 67, 68; J Sindelar, 68, 67, 68, 68. 272: M Calcavecchia, 66, 68, 70, 68; T Kite, 68, 65, 69, 70; R Mediate, 67, 68, 68, 69; B Faxon, 69, 65, 68, 72; W Wood, 66, 69, 68, 70. 273: J D Blake, 69, 71, 67, 66; T Couples, 63, 71, 68, 71; G Koch, 66, 68, 69, 70; D Pooley, 67, 65, 71, 70.

● Gary Wolstenholme, aged 27, of the Leicestershire club, was the only new cap chosen yesterday for the international match against France at Ascot on May 8 and 9. He won the Midland and Devon open amateur championships last season. His late father, Guy *Wolstenholme*, played 50 times for England before turning professional and emigrating to Australia.

TEAM: P McEvoy (Copt Heath), K Weeks (Brokenhurst Manor), R Roper (Catterick Garrison), D Curry (Prudhoe), B Bardsley (Denton), P Broadhurst (Atherstone), S Espo (L'Anapresse), W Henry (Forres Park), G Wolstenholme (Leicestershire). Non-playing reserves: R Winchester (Sidmouth). A Robertson (Seaton Carew). Non-playing captain: M J Kelley (Gatton).

MOTOR RACING

Piquet's new car unveiled

Le Castellet — Nelson Piquet, the Formula One world champion, introduced his new car to the usual rifle range of lenses at the Paul Ricard circuit yesterday (Simon Barnes writes). Piquet switched teams at the end of last season and announced his honeymooning satisfaction with *Camel Team Lotus Honda.*

The car, a tasteful shade of migraine yellow, is called a 100T and is longer and thinner than its predecessors. This is because new regulations insist that the driver's feet must rest behind the front axle: formula teams must either change the shape of their *cars or employ* Toulouse-Lautrec as a driver.

Team Lotus have reverted to the conventional passive suspension after employing a complex and sophisticated active suspension system last season. This will bring the weight of the car back to the 540-kilogram minimum: the active car was 15kg overweight.

New regulations state that the cars must not carry more than 150 litres of fuel — it was 192 last season — and Piquet said there were still problems with fuel consumption to work out. "But I am very happy with the car," he said.

HOCKEY

Oxford seek elusive victory

By Sydney Friskin

Oxford will take the field for the University match against Cambridge at Lord's today hoping to achieve a victory which has eluded them since 1979, when they won 6-1. The good news for Oxford, who delayed the final announcement of their team, is *that Richard Rush, who domi*nates their midfield play, has recovered from injury.

After a poor start to the season *Oxford raised their game* and gained their best result when they defeat Guildford 2-0 in the London League. Cambridge looked sharp and competent when they beat the Army 4-2 but irrespective of what has happened since then, today's match is the most important event in the careers of the 22 players involved.

Much will depend on the influence and personal example of the two captains. The superb striking of short corners by Guy Slimmon, of Cambridge, whose brother Richard is on the opposite side, and the sparkling runs of the Oxford capain, Simon Mee, through the middle can turn the fortunes of the game either way.

There is enough speed and skill on both sides to suggest, at least to hope, that there will not be a repetition of last year's match when no goals were scored, thereby enabling Cambridge to remain unbeaten since 1980, the year they won 1-0. The 2-2 draw in 1981 was followed by a run of five victories for *Cambridge before the blank* match of 1987.

OXFORD: G Cullity (West Australian University and Brasenose); G Peters (St George's Weybridge and Christchurch), R Oldershaw (Uppingham and Trinity), R Stimmon (KSC Wimbledon and Oriel), *N Webber (Whitgift School and Oriel), *R Rush (Guilford and Lincoln), J Cusack (KSC Wimbledon and Brasenose), *J Ingham (King Edward VI Birmingham and Merton), A Ghauri (Kingston GS and Worcester), *S Mee (Merchants Taylor's Northwood and Brasenose, capt), J Herbert (Bryanston School and Brasenose).

CAMBRIDGE: C Pearce (Dulwich College and St John's); *P Nisnow (King Edward VI Birmingham and St John's), J Robinson (Bishop Vesey and Downing), *M Partington (Millfield and Emmanuel), *G Slimmon (KSC Wimbledon and Downing, capt), *J Steener (The Perse and Magdalene), *E Castlefield (Bedford and Magdalene), M Brayshaw (Regis Comprehensive and Girton), G Higgin (Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Clare), *C Ball (Bedford and Magdalene), S McNally (St George's Weybridge and Sidney Sussex).
* denotes a Blue.

● The semi-finals and final of the Hockey Association Cup will be played on March 12 and 13 at Canterbury.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: March 12: Southgate v Slough (1.30); Hounslow v Havant (3.30). March 13: Final (2.30).

England ring changes

The England squad to play Spain in the Tipp-Ex international at Wembley on March 19 *has a much changed look* (Joyce Whitehead writes). In the greatest shake-up in the national side for years, there will be six new caps. There will also be a first appearance at Wembley for Susanne Brimble, who was capped for the first time last year. Mary Cheetham, freed temporarily from the Great Britain team, is back in the squad.

Tracey Wilce (Ipswich), the daughter of Eileen, a *former* England international, is now a double international both indoor and outdoor. This fair-haired player *is a snapper-up of* unconsidered trifles and her flair for the unexpected will be a great asset to the team. Sandy Lister, the most experienced player, remains captain with Sue Holwell vice-captain.

SQUAD: L Bayliss (Staffordshire), S Brimble (Gloucestershire), C Brown (Exeter University), M Burrows (Derbyshire), M Cheetham (Leicestershire), K Edwards (Norfolk), R Goodridge (Devon), V Hellam (Sheffield League), S Holwell (Leicestershire), J Lewis (Derbyshire), G Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Essex), T Miller (Devon), M Pickles (BCHE), A Smith (Yorkshire), T Wilce (Suffolk).

VOLLEYBALL

England's hopes are upset

By Roddy Mackenzie

England's preparations for the West European women's championship in Athens in April *have suffered a setback* with the confirmation yesterday that the four-nation tournament the English Volleyball Association planned to host in Portsmouth shortly before the championship has been cancelled.

England had been scheduled to face Luxembourg, Israel and Denmark in Portsmouth during the first weekend of April but will have to make do with a training camp.

Barry Swann, who will coach the England team in Athens in the absence of Ian Goswell who has work commitments, said yesterday: "The tournament was something we had been trying to fix up for some time and the fact that it is now not taking place is a real sickener."

Swann conceded that England's international results have been disappointing in the last couple of years but the young squad is assured of five matches in Greece against nations of a similar standing as the West European event is now split into A and B tournaments.

On the domestic front, Sale have the chance to go a step nearer a women's league and cup double this weekend. On Saturday, they travel to London to face *Istari-Malory* in their rearranged Royal Bank English Cup semi-final and on Sunday they are at Dragonara Leeds on league duty.

Malory can move closer to their first men's title by beating Capital City in London tomorrow evening.

In Scotland, Provincial Insurance gave Kyle their first domestic defeat of the season in the women's first division at the weekend and the 3-0 scoreline means that a fascinating finale is assured. Kyle must win their remaining two matches, against Strathkelvin and Glasgow Bannerman, to wrest the title from Provincial but Bannerman have hit form at the right time. They strengthened their hold on third place in the table by beating nearest rivals Scottish Farm in straight sets on Saturday.

Kyle will remember that Bannerman ended their title hopes last year with an upset win in January which left the Ayr team with too much ground to make up on Provincial.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Woodcock rescues troubled Cologne

There were subdued starts for the top teams in West Germany and France after the resumption of their leagues following the winter break. For Cologne, who are challenging Werder Bremen for the leadership of the Bundesliga, Saturday was dominated by the resignation of their coach, Udo Lattek, who left that morning to join the newspaper, *Bild*, as a columnist.

Thus distracted, Cologne drew 2-2 at struggling Bochum. The point they gained was thanks to a late equalizer by Woodcock, the former England forward, but the point they dropped allowed Bayern Munich, who won 2-1 at Waldhof Mannheim, to replace them in second place on goal difference. Pfluegler and Michael Rummenigge scored Bayern's goals. Werder, who drew 0-0 at home to Kaiserslautern, lead by four points.

Last week, Monaco, the *French leaders, ended their* warm-up tour of England with a 4-0 win at Tottenham, but they began the second half of the season with a 0-0 draw at Niort. Nor were they the only ones to lose their scoring touch: eight matches produced 10 goals.

Nevertheless, Monaco moved four points clear in the lead as Bordeaux, their nearest challengers, lost 2-1 at Toulouse.

In Spain, Leo Beenhakker, the coach of leaders Real Madrid, likened their 4-0 midweek drubbing by Real Sociedad in the Cup semi-final to "the end of the world". His side responded by beating Las Palmas 5-0 on Sunday.

But Barcelona's revival (unbeaten in four previous matches, finalists in the Cup) evaporated before their own supporters on Saturday. Athletic Bilbao, Howard Kendall's side, beat them 2-1. Mendiguren and Uralde scored for Bilbao in the first half, and López replied on *the hour. Schuster, who is re*ported to be joining Real Madrid, played a lacklustre first half and was substituted at the break.

PSV Eindhoven and Porto, the Dutch and Portuguese leaders respectively, carried their unbeaten runs to 22 games. PSV dropped only their third point *this season, at home to Fortuna* Sittard, in a 2-2 draw, but still lead Ajax, who drew 1-1 at Twente, by eight points. Barros, of Porto, the diminutive midfield player, headed the only goal of the game at Boavista.

● There were no Italian games because of the international against the Soviet Union at Bari.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokeren 1, Antwerp 1; Waregem 1, Ghent 1; Molenbeek 0, Anderlecht 0; FC Liège 4, Cercle Bruges 1; Club Bruges 3, Standard Liège 1; Charleroi 5, Courtrai 1; Mechelen 2, Racing Jet 0; Beerschot 0, Beveren 1; Winterslag 1, St Truiden 1. Leading positions: 1, Mechelen, played 22, 34pts; 2, Club Bruges, 22, 33; 3, Antwerp, 22, 33.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE: Spartak Pleven 1, Vitosha 1; Trakia Plovdiv 2, Sliven 1; Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Minyor Pernik 1; Chernomorets Bourgas 2, Slavia 0; Vatsa 3, Etar Veliko Turnovo 0; Spartak Varna 1, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 1, Pirin 1; Sredets 4, Beroe Stara Zagora 2. Leading positions: 1, Sredets, 18, 27pts; 2, Vitosha, 18, 24; 3, Trakia, 18, 21.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Sparta 0, VVV Venlo 1; Groningen 3, PEC Zwolle 1; Utrecht 1, Den Haag 1; Twente 1, Ajax 1; PSV Eindhoven 2, Fortuna Sittard 2; Haarlem 2, Den Bosch 1; AZ Alkmaar 0, Willem II 0; DS '79 0, Volendam 1. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, 22, 41pts; 2, Ajax, 23, 33; 3, Willem II, 23, 27.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseille 2, Matra Racing Paris 0; Mont 0, Monaco 0; Toulouse 2, Bordeaux 1; Nice 0, Laval 1; Metz 1, Nantes 0; Auxerre 0, Saint Etienne 1; Lens 2, Brest 1; Montpellier 0, Toulon 1; Le Havre 0, Lille 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, 25, 38pts; 2, Bordeaux, 25, 32; 3, Matra Racing Paris, 25, 32.

GREEK LEAGUE: Kalamaria 0, PAOK 1; Aris 2, Panionios 1; Verria 0, Panachaiki 2; Olagoros 0, AEK 0; Ethnikos 1, Panseraikos 0; OFI 3, Larissa 1; Panathinaikos 1, Iraklis 1; Levadiakos 1, Olympiakos 1. Leading positions: 1, Larissa, 20, 29pts; 2, OFI, 20, 26; 3, PAOK, 20, 27.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Derry City 0, Cork City 1; Limerick City 3, Bray Wanderers 0; Shelbourne 0, Dundalk 1; Sligo Rovers 0, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Waterford United 1, Galway United 0. Leading positions: 1, Dundalk, played 24, 36pts; 2, St Patrick's Athletic, 25, 34; 3, Shamrock Rovers and Bohemians, 25, 32.

FAI CUP: Fourth round replays: Bohemians 1, Shamrock Rovers 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Penafiel 0, Salgueiros 0; Rio Ave 0, Chaves 0; Espinho 6, Elvas 0; Farense 0, Sporting 2; Academica 2, Maritimo 0; Benfica 3, *Portimonense 1; Belenenses 2, Setubal 1;* Guimaraes 2, Covilha 0; Varzim 0, Braga 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Logrones 1, Real Mallorca 0; Celta 2, Sabadell 0; Real Betis 1, Atletico Madrid 1; Barcelona 1, Athletic Bilbao 2; Real Murcia 0, Valencia 0; Real Sociedad 1, Español 0; Real Valladolid 0, Sevilla 0; Real Madrid 5, Las Palmas 0; Sporting 1, Osasuna 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Cádiz 1. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 24, 40pts; 2, Atletico Madrid, 24, 36; 3, Real Sociedad, 23, 33.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: FC Homburg 0, Borussia Dortmund 3; Nuremberg 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 0, Stuttgart 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Cologne 2, Bochum 2; Werder Bremen 0, Kaiserslautern 0; Schalke 3, Karlsruhe 1; Waldhof Mannheim 1, Bayern Munich 2; Hanover 3, Hamburg SV 1. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 20, 33pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 20, 29; 3, FC Cologne, 20, 25.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 27 unless stated

LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL 2ND LEG

Not on coupons: Luton v Oxford (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

X Derby v West Ham
1 Newcastle v Chelsea
2 Portsmth v Liverpool
X QPR v Wimbledon
1 Watford v Coventry

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Charlton; Everton v Southampton; Sheffield Wednesday v Tottenham

SECOND DIVISION

1 A Villa v Plymouth
1 Barnsley v Ipswich
1 Bournemouth v Stoke
1 C Palace v Shrewsbury
1 Huddersfld v Birmingham
1 Hull v Sheffield U
X Leeds v Blackburn
1 Swindon v Millwall
1 WBA v Reading

Not on coupons: Leicester v Manchester City; Middlesbrough v Bradford

THIRD DIVISION

X Bristol C v Nthampton
2 Bury v Brighton
X Fulham v Blackpool
1 Gillingham v Doncaster
1 Mansfield v Bristol R
1 Notts Co v Chester
2 Port Vale v Brentford
2 Preston v Walsall
1 Rotherham v Chesterfld
2 York v Wigan

Not on coupons: Aldershot v Sunderland; Southend v Grimsby (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Scarboro
1 Cambridge U v Swansea
1 Cardiff v Stockport
2 Carlisle v Rochdale
1 Hartlepool v Crewe
1 Hereford v Halifax
1 Leyton O v Wrexham
1 Scunthorpe v Peterboro
1 Torquay v Exeter
X Wolves v Bolton

Not on coupons: Colchester v Newport (Friday); Tranmere v Darlington (Friday)

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Barrow v Gainsboro
1 Caernarfon v Matlock
2 Gateshead v Bangor
2 Marine v Hyde
2 Mossley v Morecambe

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Dundee
1 Celtic v Morton
X Dundee U v Rangers
2 Falkirk v Hearts
1 Hibernian v Dunfermline
1 St Mirren v Motherwell

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Dumbarton v Clyde
2 East Fife v Airdrie
X Forfar v Raith
1 Hamilton v Kilmarnock
X Partick v Clydebank
X Q of Sth v Meadowbnk

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v E Stirling
X Alloa v Queen's Pk
2 Berwick v Brechin
2 Cowdenbeath v Stirling
X Montrose v Stenhsmuir
X St Johnstone v Ayr
2 Stranraer v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Derby, QPR, Leeds, Bristol City, Fulham, Wolves, Dundee United, Forfar, Partick, Queen of the South, Alloa, St Johnstone.

BEST DRAWS: Derby, Leeds, Fulham, Wolves, Dundee United.

AWAYS: Liverpool, Walsall, Wigan, Morecambe, Hearts.

HOMES: Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Mansfield, Notts County, Cardiff, Leyton Orient, Scunthorpe, Torquay, Barrow, Celtic, Hamilton.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Notts County, Cardiff, Leyton Orient, Celtic. Aways: Brantford, Wigan, Hearts. Draws: Leeds, Fulham, Wolves.

TABLE TENNIS

Prean absence may be a blessing in disguise

By Richard Eaton

Carl Prean, the National Top Twelve champion, has pulled out of England's important promotion-deciding match with *Belgium in the European League* at Charleroi tomorrow after injuring his neck.

Prean, aged 21, from the Isle of Wight, had already withdrawn from the English national championships at Leeds this weekend to play for his club, Saarbrucken, in the German Bundesliga. He apparently expects to be fit to play for them.

The England No. 3's absence means that the national champion, Desmond Douglas, will have to play in the singles against Belgium even though it has been thought that persistent injuries to his toes would prevent him from doing so.

Douglas practised on Monday with the England No. 4, Skylet Andrew, who has been added to the squad, and is satisfied with *his condition, in which case* Prean's withdrawal could even work in England's favour.

A team with a competent Douglas and a buoyant Alan Cooke, the No. 2, in the singles and with the Olympic qualifiers, Douglas and Andrew, in the doubles, looks strong.

Defeat for Belgium would end their hopes of promotion to the super division but England, unbeaten in five matches, can lose and still be promoted provided they beat The Netherlands convincingly in the final match at Norwich on March 2.

FOOTBALL

Future of Clemence in doubt as Mimms moves to Tottenham

By Dennis Signy

Bobby Mimms, the Everton reserve and former England under-21 goalkeeper, joined Tottenham Hotspur on a loan transfer yesterday and will make his debut in tonight's game against Manchester United at White Hart Lane. He will cost £375,000 when the deal is fully completed later this week and will take the spending of Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, to just under £1.5 million in three months.

Although the move was not such a surprise in view of the enquiry made by Venables for David Seaman, the Queen's Park Rangers player, last week, Mimms does represent his second signing of a goalkeeper. Venables earlier paid £100,000, a non-League record fee, to take Peter Guthrie from Weymouth. He opened talks for Mimms with Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, before Sunday's televised game against Liverpool at Goodison Park when Venables was a guest analyst.

Mimms, aged 24, will be regarded as the long-term successor to Ray Clemence, and his signing raises fresh speculation about the future of the former England goalkeeper, and of Tony Parks, who was barracked by a section of the crowd when Tottenham lost4-0 at home to Monaco last week, and who then conceded four more goals in a testimonial match against West Bromwich Albion on Friday.

A Yorkshireman, Mimms has been understudy to Neville Southall at Everton. Although he played in the 1986 FA Cup Final defeat against Liverpool in the absence through injury of the Welsh international, he has been restricted to 29 League appearances since joining the Goodison staff from Rotherham United for £150,000 in May 1985. He has had previous loan spells at Notts County, Sunderland, and Blackburn Rovers.

Harvey said: "Bobby has been first-class cover for Southall but he wants first-team football, which is understandable, and we have a couple of young keepers with plenty of confidence."

Chris Waddle, the England winger who made an international comeback in Israel last week after being badly injured against West Germany earlier this season, saw a specialist yesterday about a suspected hernia. Waddle reported discomfort after the match in Israel to the manager, Bobby Robson, and then aggravated the injury at West Bromwich on Friday.

Venables has him pencilled in to play against United, hoping that even if an operation is needed it can take place later. Waddle, troubled by ankle and Achilles tendon injuries after the game against West Germany, is a key figure in both the international manager's plans and those of Venables as he tries to revitalize Tottenham.

Also making his League debut against a United side that stands second in the table behind Liverpool is Paul Walsh, a £500,000 acquisition from Liverpool. Venables was not revealing whether his partner in attack will be Allen or Claesen.

Portsmouth must make do on plastic

By Andrew Longmore

The excitement of reaching the last eight of the FA Cup for the first time in 36 years was tinged with disappointment for Portsmouth after yesterday's draw. An away tie on the plastic of Luton Town or Queen's Park Rangers was not quite what manager Alan Ball or his financial masters had in mind for their quarter-final.

Last Saturday's crowd of just under 20,000 netted the club a much needed profit of £35,000, but with outstanding debts of over £700,000, Portsmouth were praying harder than most for a money-spinning home tie. Even a repeat of their league match against Liverpool this Saturday, which is a 28,000 sell-out, would have done. Ball, however, was philosophical about the draw.

"We will just have to get on with it," he said before taking an afternoon off at Fontwell races. "It would have been nice to get a home draw, but you have to be prepared to play anywhere in the Cup and you have to be positive about playing on plastic. That's what I've told my players."

It is difficult to know which has been the heaviest burden for Ball as he has guided his team into the last eight: the threat of the club's winding up order, which was adjourned last week, or the club's recent FA Cup history, which is harder to ignore both issues

"My job is not to get involved with the finances or the politics of the club, but to sort out the playing side," he says. "Ten years ago, Portsmouth were a fourth division side. Our aim since then has been to get up the divisions and when the Cup came along it was a chance to get some extra money in."

Extra money is still the priority, but, with a run of ten unbeaten games behind them, Ball feels that neither Luton nor Queen's Park Rangers need hold any fears for his side.

But if he or his team needed any incentive for their quarter-final, they need look no further than the gate on their last appearance at that stage, 44,466 watching their match against Newcastle in 1952. A draw and a replay at Fratton Park would do very nicely for Portsmouth's empty coffers.

Liverpool lead by example

Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), yesterday called for managers and directors to unite in a bid to clean up the sport's tarnished image (Ian Ross writes).

Speaking at a Press conference in Manchester to announce a new £10,000-a-year sponsorship deal between the PFA and the American boot company, New Balance, Taylor admitted that at times he felt as if he were engaged in a forlorn, single-handed struggle to eradicate the game's well-documented disciplinary problems.

"We need help from managers and directors if we are to clean up the game

Taylor announced that £2,000 of the sponsorship money received would go to the winners of the PFA fair play award, which is led by Liverpool.

"What finer example can there be than a team running away with the Championship and still involved in the FA Cup having only 22 disciplinary points so far this season?" Taylor said.



Visitors: Sourus and Pereta (together, right) with Queen Mother Sports Centre officials (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Russians on Sport for All tour

By Ian Stafford

Two senior Soviet sports officials will spend the next eight days in Britain on a fact-finding mission to discover how this country runs sport for the community. They hope to implement some of the ideas and procedures they see.

Yuri Sourus, a representative from the Soviet Union's State Sports Committee, and Fyodor Pereta, the chairman of the Ukraine Sports Committee, will tour the country as guests of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) in an unprecedented visit to examine Britain's Sport for All policy.

As another indication of how Russian society is changing since Gorbachov took control, the country is intent on promoting sport and recreation for the masses rather than concentrating on elitism, which was the previous policy. The Soviets even have a slogan to promote their new drive: "The health of the population is the richness of the country."

"We want to adopt some of your ideas in our country," Sourus said. "Now my Government are paying great attention to the direction of recreation and the health of the population. The healthier the person, the better he feels and the better he works. We want to create a pyramid of sport, with the elite at the top and the masses at the bottom, and we have come to see your pyramid."

An indication of Gorbachov's desire to encourage sport in the community is by the financial resources he is putting aside for the project. Last year £19 billion was found for the advancement of sports facilities. With more than 20,000 sports centres at present, although many are poorly equipped, a further 4,000 centres of high quality are planned before 1990 and 15,000 qualified sports specialists for sports education will be introduced to add to the present 140,000.

"We have come to terms with the fact that not everyone is elite in Russia," Sourus added. "But I sympathize with you for your lack of money. We hope to make sport much more of a national cul are than it is. It is important to prolong the working activities of people and health is precious to state and society."

The Soviet delegation spent yesterday afternoon touring the Queen Mother Sports Centre at Victoria in London to see how a typical inner city centre is run. What they saw encouraged them. "It is a wonderful place," Sourus said. "The easy way of admittance and the integration of society are very impressive and we particularly liked the weight-training and refreshment rooms. It is very much a leisure centre and this is theway we should go in the Soviet Union."

This morning the delegation will visit Sheffield to discuss the 1991 World Student Games and later this week it will see Nottingham's Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre, Birmingham's leisure facilities, the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre and Windsor Leisure Centre before returning home next Tuesday.

WINTER OLYMPICS: TAKING AN OUTSIDER'S LOOK AT A SPORT FOR INSIDERS

ABC slips up on the hockey rink

From John Hennessy
Calgary

It was no ordinary ice hockey game, and when West Germany scored their second goal against the United States in Calgary's Saddledome Arena, someone announced the position as: "West Germany 2, ABC Nil."

This neatly summed up the huge financial loss suffered by the television network in the failure of the United States to win through to the medal round, involving the last six, of the Olympic competition.

The precise loss to ABC in advertising revenue will not be known for some time, but one figure bandied about is $50 million (about £22 million), in addition to the $20 million (£12 million) already expected from their ill-considerd $309 million (£183 million) investment in the Winter Games.

For the US to survive, they had to beat West Germany by two clear goals. The US had 34 attempts on goal, whereas the Germans had only 23 shots, yet in the end they were beaten 4-1, defied by the expert and heroic goalminding of Karl Friessen, aged 28, who was born in Winnipeg of German parents.

Since winning the gold medals in Lake Placid in 1980, lifted above their stature then by patriotic fervour, the US have twice failed to reach the medal round.

The three teams to go forward from Pool A to the medal round are the Soviet Union, carrying four points with them, West Germany (2) and Czechoslovakia (none). They will probably be joined by Canada, Sweden and Finland from Pool B.

A record-smashing, boring time watching grass grow

From David Miller, Calgary

Ever eager for a new experience, I have been to watch speed skating at the Olympic Oval. What I have to say about it may win few friends and, perhaps fortunately, is unlikely to influence anyone.

Previously, I had supposed that no sport could be as boring as swimming: an unidentifiable disturbance in the water, between mostly teenage competitors who train with their mothers at a time of day when sensible people are still in bed asleep. Speed skating, especially long-distance speed skating, surpasses swimming.

The performers may be exceptional, as they were in the men's 10,000 metres. The world record was broken, the Olympic record was beaten 16 times and eight other national records were established. But as 32 racers skated their way, in pairs, through six hours of competition, I still had to be woken up most times when the re-icing machine emerged every 45 minutes.

It might be better if they had four racers at a time, though maybe that would make it dangerously like Formula One.

Speed skating's advantage over swimming is that the competitors, instead of being hidden beneath the surface of their medium, are visible. However, you still cannot see their faces, which are partially masked and are riveted downwards, like cyclists, for a close-up view of their front skate.

What you can see, in their streamlined cat-suits, is every other detail of their anatomy. Surfers develop lumps on their knees from paddling out to the rollers; speed skaters develop a protruding muscle on the lower outside part of the buttock from pushing sideways. Bent over, they look like the back half of an antelope: powerful and graceful, and repetitive in herds.

Watching them race, two at a time, is like watching the grass grow. Here in Calgary, where nothing is allowed to be low-key or uneventful, the announcer would occasionally plead with the audience for "more noise". And a helpful telescreen would show us a picture, just as at the Saddledome for ice hockey, of a stamping foot in case we had difficulty communicating with our limbs.

The racers are, it must be said, magnificently athletic; but this is a sport for the insider, for those who see the racing regularly and know the characters' abilities and potential, such as the Dutch, who were there in hundreds, banners aloft: "Calgary has the ice rink, we have the skaters".

Flemish painters of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were inspired by the sight on frozen winter canals. But this is not something you would randomly take your uninformed children to for an afternoon under a plastic roof, unless they were otherwise uncontrollable.

That is not to be unfair to the new Olympic Oval here, which is the one resounding success of a Winter Games bedevilled by the weather and the postponement so far of eight events. The Oval is an exceptional facility with "fast ice", as was demonstrated by the 10,000 metres results. The enclosed stadium is able to offer controlled humidity and temperature and there is, of course, no wind. Such a rink is likely to become mandatory for future Games.

All my Dutch and Scandinavian colleagues kept buying me coffee and telling me what a great day it was and I guess they were right. Tomas Gustafsson, of Sweden, who earlier had successfully defended the 5,000 metres title he won in 1984, took the gold medal with a world record of 13min 48.20sec which, to show how fast they are going, is a respectable time for half that distance on the running track.

Two men fell. Geir Karlstad, of Norway, the former world record holder, who had not had a fall in 11 years, went down with seven of the 25 laps to go. Gerard Kemkers, of The Netherlands, fell in the fourth, his left skate grazing his right as he came out of a bend; he slid for 50 yards, losing eight seconds, but gamely got up to finish inside the previous Olympic record and take fifth place.

Julian Green, aged 22, a civil servant from Nottingham, broke the British record with 14min 59.53sec in thirtieth and last place. Colin Coates, 41, of Australia, was competing in his fifth Olympics since Grenoble in 1968, having missed out on Sarajevo. He finished 26th, having been sixth at Innsbruck in 1976. They do not have too many frozen canals in Nottingham or Melbourne.

BOXING

Confusion surrounds McAuley's title date

Dave McAuley's challenge for the World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight championship, scheduled for Saturday at the King's Hall, Belfast, will probably be postponed until next month.

The champion, Fidel Bassa, from Colombia, is claiming he has insufficient time to prepare but the promoter, Barney Eastwood, believes that Bassa's management is having second thoughts about coming to Belfast and could be trying to find a way out of the contract.

Eastwood has proposed an alternative date in mid-March to the reluctant champion and his manager

Eastwood said: "The chairman of the WBA's championship committee will give his ruling on what should happen. Hopefully we can have this sorted out."

Bassa, who knocked out the Irishman in the thirteenth round of their first bout in Belfast last April, had his training interrupted for the return match by a knee injury last month.

Although the WBA's medical officer passed him fit on Sunday, Bassa says he is not ready to face McAuley.

Benn busy through ambition

Nigel Benn, the West Ham middleweight who is regarded as Britain's best prospect in any division, said he aimed to win his first title by the end of the season.

Benn's immediate challenge is against Greg Taylor, from New Orleans, at the Afan Lido in Aberdare tomorrow, as support to the British featherweight championship between Peter Harris and Kevin Taylor. Greg Taylor, aged 23, has lost three of his 16 professional fights. Benn has won all his 13 contests inside the distance.

Despite a hard schedule — Wednesday's bout will be his third in 29 days — Benn, aged 24, is looking for honours.

Tony Sibson has vacated the British title following his defeat by Frank Tate, of the United States. but he has not yet relinquished his Commonwealth crown.

Benn's likely path to a British title bout against Herol Graham, of Sheffield, would be via an eliminating contest against Johnny Melfah, of Gloucester.

Frank Warren, who manages Benn, has a demanding schedule for the Londoner. After Taylor, he has a bout in Norwich on March 14, followed by one in London, and then a lucrative contest in the United States in April, to be televised by NBC.

SNOOKER

Hendry is racing into top form

By Steve Acteson

Stephen Hendry, of Scotland, took only 84 minutes yesterday to beat Tony Chappel 5-1 in the third round of the £300,000 MIM Britannia Unit Trusts British Open in Derby and earn his first meeting with Terry Griffiths, the former Welsh champion, on Sunday.

Hendry, aged 19 and ranked 23rd in the world, will be busy in the meantime with exhibitions.

Chappel made a total of 17 in the second and third frames combined as Hendry sped 4-0 ahead with breaks of 61, 36, 46, 35 and 49. Although Chappel won frame five, Hendry replied with 79 to take frame six 121-0 for the match.

RESULTS: Third round: Sunday night: T Jones (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-3; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt T Meo (Eng), 5-2; J Spencer (Eng) bt F Davis (Eng), 5-0; R Williams (Eng) bt N Gilbert (England), 5-2. Monday: S Hendry (Sco) bt A Chappel (Wales), 5-1; B West (Eng), bt J Dunning (Eng), 5-0; Dennis Taylor (N Ire) bt G Miles (Eng), 5-1.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

HALIFAX: Inter-county championships: First division: Yorkshire 16, Cheshire 1. (Yorkshire qualify for semi-finals).
GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men: 1, N Yates (GB), 320pts; 2, J P Nierhoff (Den), 275; 3, I Frederiksen (Den), 260; 4, I Sugiarto (Indo), 255; 5, M Kjeldsen (Den), 220; 6, L Pongsh (Indo), 210; equal 7, M Frost (Den) and T Carlsen (Den), 180; 9, S Buster (GB), 165; equal 10, Zhang Qingwu (China) and E Ismarso (Indo), 160. Women: 1, P Nedergaard (Den), 275; 2, K Larsen (Den), 255; 3, H Aiping (China), 240; 4, C Magnusson (Swe), 225; 5, L Chen-Mei (Tai), 165; equal 6, E Coerse (Neth) and Gu Jiaming (China), 160; 8, C Skrophe (WG), 155; 9, Kho Mei Hwa (Indo), 130; 10, G Gowers (GB), 125.

BASKETBALL

Carlsberg League

	P	W	L	Pts
Portsmouth	25	23	2	46
Manchester Utd	26	21	5	42
Kingston	24	20	4	40
Livingston	25	20	5	40
Calderdale	25	18	8	36
Bracknell	25	15	11	30
Solent	25	13	12	26
Birmingham	25	13	13	26
Leicester	25	12	13	24
Bolton & Bury	25	10	15	20
Hemel & Watford	25	9	17	18
Sunderland	25	8	16	16
Derby	25	4	21	8
Oldham	25	3	22	6
Crystal Palace	25	1	24	2

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) Milwaukee Bucks 120, Philadelphia 76ers 115; Cleveland Cavaliers 113, Chicago Bulls 111; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Detroit Pistons 110; Indiana Pacers 130, Sacramento Kings 112; Atlanta Hawks 129, Seattle SuperSonics 113; Portland Trail Blazers 117, San Antonio Spurs 112.

Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	38	16	.592	—
Phila 76ers	32	26	.440	13
Washton Bullets	19	30	.388	15½
NY Knicks	19	30	.388	15½
NJ Nets	12	39	.235	23½
Central Division				
Atlanta Hawks	33	19	.635	—
Detroit Pistons	31	18	.633	½
Chicago Bulls	30	22	.577	3
Indiana Pacers	28	22	.560	4
Milwaukee Bucks	27	22	.551	4½
Cleveland Cavs	23	25	.528	5½
Western Conference				
Midwest Division				
Dallas Mavs	33	17	.660	—
Houston Rockets	30	19	.612	2½
Denver Nuggets	29	20	.592	3½
Utah Jazz	27	21	.520	5½
San Antonio Spurs	19	29	.396	13
Sacramento Kings	16	35	.314	17½
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	43	9	.824	—
Portland T Bs	36	20	.600	11½
Seattle SuperSon	27	26	.509	16
Phoenix Suns	16	34	.320	25
Golden State Ws	13	35	.271	27
LA Clippers	11	38	.220	30

BOWLS

MIDLAND INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Grantham: Lincolnshire 99, Leicestershire 105.
EASTERN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Dunstable and Heaton Bedfordshire 139, Hertfordshire 160. Beccles and Cambridge: Suffolk 148, Cambridgeshire 179.
INTER-COUNTY: Chelmsford: Hampshire 144, Buckinghamshire 105. Leicester: Leicestershire 135, Norfolk 157.

RUGBY UNION

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP: Semi-finals: Hereford 16, Stourbridge 6; Bromsgrove 9, Dudley Kingswinford 3.
BTAP-FORDHEAD CUP: Semi-finals: Lichfield 13, Sale-on-Trent 28; Wolverhampton 11, Salford 7.
WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Bedworth 6, Rugby 19.
NOTTS, LINCS AND DERBYSHIRE CUP: Play-off: Modens 27, W Bridgford 3.

REAL TENNIS

GEORGE WIMPEY: Seacourt silver racquet: (Handicap singles): Quarter-finals: A Lowell bt N Seam, 6-4, 6-3; C Lumley bt I Snell, 6-6, 6-1; K Sheldon bt C Bray 6-5, 6-4; A Phillips bt J Ward, 6-5, 6-4. Semi-finals: Lumley bt Lowell, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; Sheldon bt Phillips, 4-6, 6-5, 6-5. Final: Sheldon bt Lumley, 6-5, 6-4.

SWIMMING

SALFORD: Yorkshire Bank team championships: Men: 1, Manchester Dean Smith, 78pts; 2, Salford 555, 66; 3, Stockport Metro, 53. Women: 1, Stockport Metro, 67; 2, Wigan Wasps, 62; 3, Manchester Dean Smith, 52.

CRICKET

WEBSTERS INDOOR LEAGUE: (home team first): Northern zone: Manchester bt Warrington, 51 runs; Stockport lost to Sheffield, 8; Derby lost to Hull, 1. Midlands zone: Walsall bt Leicester, 87; Wolverhampton bt Cradley Heath, 49; Nottingham bt Peterborough, 26. Southern zone: Totton lost to Tottenham, 84; Dartford bt Ipswich, 42; Docklands bt Fareham, 43.
WEBSTER'S TANKARD: Rochdale bt Liverpool, 83; Wellingborough lost to Solihull, 4; Hounslow bt Canterbury, 143.

Northern zone

	P	W	L	Bp	Pts
Manchester	10	9	1	41	77
Rochdale	10	8	2	37	71
Hull	10	6	4	34	58
Warrington	11	5	6	30	50
Sheffield	10	4	6	26	42
Derby	10	2	8	28	36
Stockport	11	2	9	25	34
Midlands zone					
Wolver'ton	11	7	4	35	63
Walsall	9	8	1	29	61
Well'boro	10	6	4	30	54
Peterboro	10	4	6	28	48
Leicester	11	4	7	29	45
Nottingham	10	3	7	27	39
Cradley H	9	2	7	22	26
Southern zone					
Hounslow	10	9	1	40	76
Ipswich	10	8	2	38	70
Tottenmhan	11	6	5	39	59
Dartford	11	5	5	31	53
Fareham	10	5	5	29	49
Totton	10	0	9	20	22
* Docklands	10	3	7	6	18

Webster's Tankard

	P	W	L	Bp	Pts	Av Pts
Solihull	9	3	5	20	32	4.00
Canterbury	11	2	9	23	34	3.09
Liverpool	9	2	7	19	27	3.00
Leeds	8	2	7	18	24	3.00
Nott'ham N	7	1	6	15	19	2.71

* 15pts deducted for fielding three players registered at another centre.

CYCLING

CATANIA: Tour of Sicily: Third stage: (168km): 1, C Passera (It), 4hr 40min 35sec; 2, L Fignon (Fr), 3, S Contini (It), same time. Overall: 1, Passera; 2, Fignon, at 4sec; 3, G Saronni (It), 6.

EQUESTRIANISM

MILL LODGE: Under-21 International: 1, England (Everest Minks, M Edwards; Bon Voyage, A Bradley; Zacnory Nicholas, T Rampton). Under-18 International: 1, Wales (Sorrens Echo, R Rowsell; Sportsgirl, T Potts; Notable, J Seymour; Mr Kindbeart, L Bevan), 32pnts; 2, England (Orko, A Bell; Better be King, N Barnes; Golden Shoes, E George; Nansigh, M Dye), 36; 3, Scotland (November Gold, L Stewart; Grey Gramsie, P Shanks; RB Montana, P McGregor; Earl T Grey, H Mansfield), 44.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1283pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1171; 3, B Langer (WG), 1071; 4, A Lyle (GB), 955; 5, C Strange (US), 916; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 870; 7, L Wadkins (US), 697; 8, P Stewart (US), 693; 9, N Faldo (GB), 685; 10, B Crenshaw (US), 648; 11, R Davis (Aus), 642; 12, T Watson (US), 639; 13, T Nakajima (Japan), 617; 14, L Mize (US), 615; 15, M McNulty (SA), 610; 16, L Nelson (US), 601; 17, S Simpson (US), 600; 18, M Ozaki (Japan), 595; 19, P Azinger (US), 585; 20, I Aoki (Japan), 571.
HARARE: Dunlop Cup: African qualifying round: 146, Zimbabwe (W Koen 71, T Price 75, A Edwards 70). 150: Kenya (J Njonge 72, C Farrar 78, G Ndegwa 80). 158: Egypt (M Moussa 79, A Hanafi 79, S Mohammed 82).

VOLLEYBALL

BELFAST: Seven-up International tournament: Men's final: Prestige 3, Northern Ireland Universities 2. Womens' final: Dun Laoghaire 3, Tallaght 1. Men's plate: Aer Lingus 2, Dundrum 1. Women's plate: Prestige 2, Dundrum 0.
LORIENT, France: EUROPEAN CUP: Men: Final: CSKA Moscow (USSR) bt Panine Modena (It), 15-6, 15-8, 15-8. Third-place play-off: Brother Martinus (Neth) bt CSKA Sofia (Bul), 15-4, 15-13, 15-13.

SKIING

AVIEMORE: Scottish national cross-country championships: Men's 10km: 1, B Muirhead (KDFB), 2, I Dyett (Inverness SC); 3, K Pope (KDFB); 4, T Logan (KDFB); 5, A Miller (Aviemore). Junior Men: 1, C Campbell (Aberdeen). Women: 1, M Brown (Inverness). Junior women: 1, H Bron (Inverness).

SQUASH RACKETS

CROYDON: Inter-county over-35 championships: Semi-finals: Middlesex 5, Yorkshire 0; Kent 3, Surrey 2. Final: Middlesex 4, Kent 1. Third-place play-off: Yorkshire 3, Surrey 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 5, Detroit Red Wings 3; Boston Bruins 4, New Jersey Devils 1; New York Islanders 7, Hartford Whalers 2; Quebec Nordiques 6, Buffalo Sabres 5; St Louis Blues 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Vancouver Canucks 6, New York Rangers 4; Edmonton Oilers 4, Winnipeg Jets 3 (OT); Calgary Flames 3, Chicago Black Hawks 2 (OT).

Wales Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phila Flyers	31	22	7	69	220	208
Washn Caps	30	25	6	66	209	184
NY Islanders	29	23	8	66	238	210
NJ Devils	25	26	9	59	232	237
Pittsburgh Pens	27	30	5	59	216	249
NY Rangers	24	29	8	56	233	227
Adams Division						
Boston Bruins	35	21	5	75	235	190
Montreal Cans	32	22	10	74	228	199
Buffalo Sabs	26	26	9	61	211	233
Hartford Whls	25	28	7	57	184	199
Quebec Nords	24	31	4	52	212	229
Campbell Conference						
Norris Division						
Detroit RWs	31	20	7	70	240	195
St Louis Bs	28	27	5	61	208	204
Chicago Blks	24	31	6	54	212	248
Toronto MLs	18	34	10	46	222	260
Minnesota NS	16	35	9	41	181	250
Smythe Division						
Calgary Flames	35	20	7	77	300	231
Edmonton Oils	34	19	8	76	277	215
Winnipeg Jets	28	25	9	61	227	226
LA Kings	23	36	5	51	239	284
Vanc Canucks	20	34	7	47	211	237

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford 26, Warrington 10; Halifax 46, Hunslet 10; Hull 28, Swinton 32; Leeds 25, Hull KR 20; Leigh 12, St Helens 50; Widnes 12, Wigan 16. Second division: Batley 20, Huddersfield 28; Doncaster 6, Carlisle 16; Featherstone 8, Oldham 8; Mansfield 11, Keighley 6; Springfield 32, Dewsbury 12; Wakefield 14, Sheffield 6; Whitehaven 26, Runcorn 6; York 44, Workington 6.

SNOOKER

ROTHMANS MATCHROOM LEAGUE: Gateshead: W Thorne (Eng) bt C Hendry (Scot), 6-2. J White (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 6-2. Frames (White first): 80-34, (61-71), 83-43, 68-54, 85-24, 39-62, 64-24, 81-17.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
J White	4	4	0	0	22	10	12
W Thorne	3	2	1	0	15	9	7
S Davis	3	2	1	0	14	10	7
T Griffiths	4	1	2	1	15	17	5
C Thorburn	4	1	1	2	16	16	4
N Foulds	4	1	1	2	15	17	4
S Hendry	3	1	1	1	12	12	4
A Meo	3	1	0	2	10	14	3
D Taylor	4	0	1	3	12	20	1
J Johnson	2	0	0	2	5	11	0

HOCKEY

COLCHESTER: National under-18 territorial tournament: Midlands 2, South 0; North 2, East 0; Midlands 0, West 0; North 4, South 0; North 2, West 0; Midlands 2, East 0; West 2, South 1. Final positions: 1, North; 2, Midlands; 3, West; 4, South; 5, East.

TENNIS

CROYDON: LTA men's satellite tournament: Singles: First round: D Felgate (Essex) bt C Bailey (Norfolk), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; S Bonneau (Can) bt G Roper (Can), 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; M Koevermans (Neth) bt D Sapsford (Surrey), 6-4, 6-3; M Ozer (US) bt S Pascal (US), 6-4, 6-2; J Southcombe (Devon) bt P Hand (Berks), 7-6, 6-4; J Appel (Swe) bt R Kok (Neth), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; D Marco (Sp) bt P Fantoso (Den), 6-3, 6-0.
GALAND: Virginia Slims tournament: Women: Finals: M Navratilova (US) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-1, 6-2. Doubles final: Navratilova and R Casals (US) bt H Mandlikova (Aus) and J Novotna (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.
MEMPHIS: US indoor championship: Men: Final: A Agassi (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. Doubles final: K Curren (SA) and D Pate (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe) and P Lundgren (Swe), 6-2, 6-2.
MORTGAGE CORPORATION NATIONAL LEAGUE: Group A: Telford 7, Birmingham 8; J Smith bt J Southcombe, 6-3; S Bale lost to M Christensen, 0-6; Bale and J Paish bt Southcombe and M Cox, 6-3; M Anger lost to A Castle, 3-6; Anger and Smith bt Castle and Christensen, 6-4. Tie-break match: Castle bt Anger for deciding point. Middlesbrough 9, Manchester 8; C Bradnam lost to D Sammel, 3-6; N Fulwood bt J Goodall, 6-4; Bradnam and S Iolnnigli bt Sammel and A Brice, 6-4; M Kristensen lost to F Sauer, 3-6; Kristensen and Fulwood bt Sauer and Goodall, 6-2.

SKIING

SKI JUMPING: Canada Olympic Park: 90 metres
ICE SKATING: Olympic Saddledome: Ice dance free skating (12.15 a.m. Wednesday)
NORDIC SKIING: Canada Olympic Park: Team 70m combined (6.30 p.m.)
SPEED SKATING: Olympic Oval: Women's 3,000m (11 a.m., Wednesday).
SHORT-TRACK SPEED SKATING (demonstration): Max Bell Arena: Men's 500m, women's 1,500m (5 p.m.)

ICE HOCKEY

POOL B: Czechoslovakia 4, Austria 0; Soviet Union 6, West Germany 2; Soviet Union 6, Czechoslovakia 1; West Germany 4, United States 1; Norway 4, Austria 4.

POOL B FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	5	5	0	0	32	10	10
West Germany	5	4	0	1	19	12	8
Czecho'vakia	5	3	0	2	23	14	6
United States	5	2	0	3	27	27	4
Austria	5	0	1	4	12	29	1
Norway	5	0	1	4	11	32	1

Soviet Union, West Germany, and Czechoslovakia qualify for medal round.

SPEED SKATING

MEN'S 10,000m (Sunday): 1, T Gustafson (Swe), 13min 48.26sec (world record); 2, M Hedschadl (Austria), 13:58.11; 3, L Visser (Neth), 14:00.58; 4, E Flaim (US), 14:05.57; 5, K Kamikawa (Nippon), 14:08.24; 6, Y Kryuger (USSR), 14:08.88; 7, R Sighel (It), 14:13.86; 8, R Fraisr (GB), 14:19.16; 9, S Berezyn (USSR), 14:20.48; 10, B Lamarche (Can), 14:21.38. British placings: 33, J Green, 14:56.53.

SKIING

WOMEN'S SUPER GIANT SLALOM (Monday): 1, S Wolf (Austria), 1min 19.03sec; 2, M Figini (Switz), 1:20.03; 3, K Percy (Can), 1:20.29.
MEN'S SUPER GIANT SLALOM (Sunday): 1, F Piccard (Fr), 1:39.58; 2, H Mayer (Austria), 1:40.96; 3, L-B Eriksson (Swe) 1:41.08; 4, H Strolz (Austria), 1:41.11; 5, G Madar (Austria), 1:41.86; 6, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:41.98; 7, L Alphand (Fr), 1:42.27; 8, L Seock (Austria), 1:42.36; 9, T Clapman (Yug), 1:42.47; 10, I Camozzi (It), 1:42.66. British placings: 28, N Smith, 1:47.15; 34, M Bell, 1:48.82; 35, G Bell, 1:48.58. Did not start: R Duncan.
WOMEN'S COMBINED SLALOM (Sunday): 1, B Oertli (Switz), 1:20.71 (39.24 + 41.47); 2, A Wachter (Austria), 1:22.97 (40.58 + 42.39); 3, K Percy (Can), 1:24.00 (40.82 + 43.38); 4, L Medzihradska (Cz), 1:24.36 (41.82 + 42.73); 5, L Kjellstrom (Cz) 1:24.39 (40.91 + 43.47); 6, P Freiher (Fr), 1:24.66 (42.16 + 42.50); 7, B Madsen (US), 1:24.78 (41.86 + 42.95); 8, J Kindle (Liech), 1:25.42 (41.82 + 43.60); 9, K Lee (Can), 1:25.43 (42.03 + 43.20); 10, S Eder (Austria) 1:25.91 (42.03 + 43.88). British placing: 21, Wendy Lumby (GB) 1:31.02 (44.59 + 46.43).

NORDIC SKIING

MEN'S 4 x 10k relay (Monday): 1, Sweden (J Ottosson, T Wassberg, G Svan and T Magnet), the 45km 58.6sec; 2, Soviet Union, 1:04:11.3; 3, Czechoslovakia, 1:49:22.7.

ICE SKATING

ICE DANCE: (Sunday) (Standings after the compulsory programme): 1, N Bestemyanova and A Bukin (USSR), 0.8pts; 2, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 1.2; 3, T Wilson and R McCall (Can), 1.8; 4, N Annenko and G Sretenski (USSR), 2.4; 5, K and C Beck (Austria), 3.0; 6, S Semanick and S Gregory (US), 3.6; 7, K Engl and A Toth (Hun), 4.2; 8, I and P Duchesnay (Fr), 4.8; 9, A and F Bacherer (WG), 5.4; 10, L Thorett and R Felizzola (It), 6.0. British placing: 13, S Jones and P Askham, 7.8.

KEY TO COUNTRIES

And: Andorra. Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Bol: Bolivia. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Col

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Europe swimming around in circles

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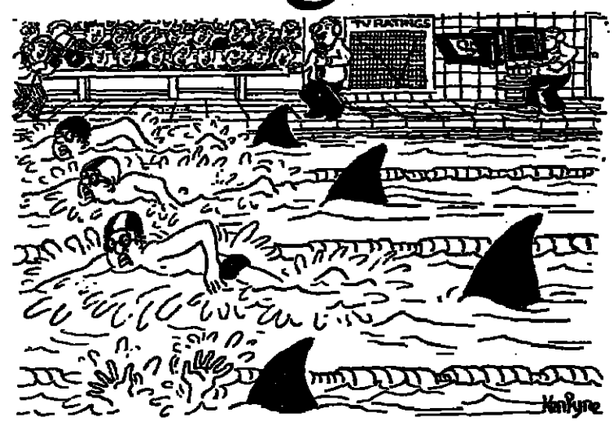
On a list of straightforward, straight-laced, straight-up-and-down sports, swimming must rank high. Dive in, thrash about, climb out; that, surely, is swimming's unchangeable rhythm.

Not any more. If the Bureau (Council) of the European Swimming Federation (LEN) has anything to do with it, swimming's geometry is about to change; straight lines are out, circles are in. At least, that is the gist of a proposal to be put to next month's meeting of the LEN in Malta.

In a radical, and some might say desperate, attempt to make swimming more interesting to the non-swimmer or the non-watching swimmer, the council is to consider a number of ideas to revolutionize the sport. One of them is that swimmers should race not straight up and down but round and round, starting at different points in the pool and racing for a set distance round markers like a cross between track athletics and pursuit cycling. And just in case you thought that a daft idea, try this one. Some races, it is suggested, should include hurdles for the swimmers to leap over or dive under.

Ordinarily, such notions could be put down to over-exposure to the unseasonable sunshine or a surfeit of the Winter Olympics and then quietly forgotten. But not these.

One of their most ardent supporters is the secretary general of the LEN, Norman Sarsfield, former secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association. Sarsfield, like a number of other delegates to the LEN, is concerned that swimming is losing its appeal for television. In his opinion, the poor presentation of the world championships in Madrid two years ago only confirmed the commonly held view that the sport is boring. All it needs, Sarsfield reasons, is a touch of insitutionalized mayhem and the sport's trickiest equation will be solved: television equals sponsorship equals money equals more swimmers.



"The time has come for us involved with the sport to take a good hard look and see where we are going," Sarsfield says. "Swimming on television can become a bore at present because it is so stereotyped. We need television because good, exciting presentation on the box not only attracts more sponsors but encourages more young swimmers to become involved."

The idea put forward by Sarsfield is for eight swimmers to race round buoys 10 metres from the sides of the pool in a free-for-all. He admits that overtaking might be a problem and racing might become a bit rough, but feels that would only add to the general attraction of the sport. "We've got to become more like track athletes," he says.

Unfortunately, the swimmers themselves are not entirely amused by the suggestion. "It's a very bad idea, very silly indeed," the British team captain, Adrian Moorhouse, says. "You have to laugh, it's the only possible reaction. If the guy is serious about it, then he should try swimming round in a circle.

"If he's trying to shock people into looking at the way the sport is presented, then I'm right behind him, but if not, then he's abusing the sport. Our stroke is geared to going straight up and down. I don't train 20 hours a week to swim round in circles."

Moorhouse is as concerned as anyone that his sport is not getting the attention or the coverage it deserves. But it is the coverage, not the swimming, which is boring, he says.

"I am disgusted with the BBC coverage at the moment. We have a lot of characters in the sport and far more could be done in the form of interviews and camera angles to generate excitement and interest than is being tried at the moment. If the viewers get to know the swimmers and understand their tactics, then that can make all the difference. Rather than swimming round in circles, I'm quite prepared to sit down with the producers and push around a few ideas. I think that might be more productive."

Moorhouse is more receptive to the idea of quickening up the sport by having 25-metre races in 50 metre pools with electronic beams across the pool to record the placings.

Other radical proposals being considered by the LEN are sending off water polo players only for serious breaches of the rules, dropping the figures competition from synchronised swimming and jazzing up the medal presentation ceremonies. Swimming, it seems, is in severe danger of straying off the straight and narrow.

END COLUMN

The ball outside the court of TV

By Aaron Ridley

Watching what was alleged to be a televising of the game between Everton and Liverpool on BBC on Sunday, I was puzzled to notice the odd incursion into the picture of a white, spherical object which one or another of the players was obliged to kick promptly from sight before it could cause further annoyance.

Their ambition is clearly to prevent us from witnessing any more of the game than they can possibly help. When you attend a match, your eye always follows the ball, which is the centre of your attention throughout. That is exactly what televised football should be trying to give us in our living rooms; and it is exactly what televised football gives us less and less often.

In an age when the champion of live televised football is increasingly television itself, and not the ball at all, it is disconcerting that the television companies (ITV is no better in this respect) should allow the ball to enter our screens even once during the course of the match.

Thrilling sense of disorientation

By their own peculiar lights, then, the television people are making tremendous progress. I am thinking particularly of the more-generous use of close-up shots from a variety of angles, which not only allow the ball to remain satisfyingly invisible for the most part but which also produce a thrilling sense of disorientation in the viewer.

And nor has this advance been made at the expense of some older favourites. We were still permitted on Sunday a thoughtful gaze of Bracewell on the touchline, from where he might shortly be replacing Reid; and that most effective shot of all — the immobile row of nine indistinguishable men hunched and dampened in tracksuits, like a bench of prosecuting otters — is given us more often than ever.

"They're really closing them down at the back!" the commentator remarks, and a tracksuit at the end twitches to its feet, and it turns out to have Kenny Dalglish in it. The shot changes, and we see the ball being tossed back from the crowd.

"How can one of these teams find a way through?" the commentator asks. But we don't know; and as play resumes, we contemplate the dejected, spitting figure of the man who was really closed down at the back. Luckily, he's nowhere near the ball.

The commentator, indeed, is pivotal to the attempt to make television the star of its own show, so it is significant that the directors are increasingly able to provide him with the support he deserves.

Much ado about not much hair

The results are already impressive. "This is what the crowd came to see!" the commentator said, and rather than let us see it, too, our screens are filled with an a baying, bouncing sea of heads, inevitably exploiting in a vertical direction what the barriers have denied them horizontally.

In its early stages, the show promised to be quite secure from the tedium of football, owing to the startling appearance of Barnes's haircut, which we followed lovingly about the field for a time. But once it had become clear that there was not much more to be said about not much hair, and once Reid's thigh injury had forced him to withdraw, the cracks began to show.

So it is that the lack of incident around the ground occasionally compels the commentator to talk at length about a game apparently in progress nearby: and when this happens, the cracks can become chasms. All the microscopic close-ups in the world, it seems, cannot absolutely guarantee that the ball will never enter the picture.

Directors and commentators are clearly aware of the dangers here, and are scrupulous in their efforts to avoid them. But, still tantalizingly out of reach, is the event which televised football is plainly determined to become, and which it sometimes so nearly is: an epic sweep of visionary prose, with an accompanying whirlwind of images — neither element significant by itself, of course, but, together, a testimony to the indomitable urge of man to fill with interest whatever seems turgid, dull, or literal. And who needs a football for that?

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Wembley visions fading fast for Forest and City

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

"The tie that nobody wanted" is a label attached too readily to Cup draws. Rarely is it applicable. Yesterday was an exception. Half of the field that remains in the FA Cup could, without exaggeration, have uttered the same phrase as they reacted to their fate in the sixth round.

The five clubs who might have responded with one voice are Nottingham Forest, Manchester City, Portsmouth and either Watford or, more improbably, Port Vale. Each of them must surmount an obstacle which seems as high as the landmarks that tower above the entrance to their intended destination.

Take the case of Forest. The young side still being developed by Brian Clough must visit Arsenal, the holders of a Cup record that in recent years is second to none. Under George Graham, they have been beaten only once in 18 ties, a sequence spoiled by Watford in last season's competition.

The one defeat did occur in the sixth round but, if Forest regard that as an omen, another statistic is more ominous and more relevant. Last season they lost 2-0 at Highbury in the Littlewoods Cup, a trophy that Arsenal subsequently collected and could successfully defend.

Paul Wilkinson had already predicted that he and his Forest colleagues would reach Wembley. "It is a tough tie", he admitted yesterday, "but I see no reason to change my mind. After all, we won there in the League earlier this season". The score, on Boxing Day, was also 2-0.

But Arsenal were then in the middle of a confused slump. The scent of silver polish has since cleared their vision. Currently carrying the most powerful of knock-out punches, they are expected to leave Forest on the floor and Clough with the same hole in his list of achievements.

Never as a player or as a manager has he experienced an FA Cup semi-final. At least the youths who will attempt to lift him there are accustomed to travelling. Pearce, their captain, pointed out that Forest have been drawn away for the tenth successive time.

A crowd of more than 50,000 will assemble at Highbury but a far larger audience will gather 24 hours later to watch an equally appealing fixture. Liverpool, performing live in front of the television cameras for the third successive round, will be on show at Maine Road.

Manchester City estimate that their stadium will be full and the financial benefit is almost certain to be their only source of comfort. Liverpool, apparently unbeatable anywhere, are the 11-10 favourites to win the Cup, let alone on March 13.

Although City will be armed with Stewart, their most dangerous weapon who will have served a two-match suspension, his presence is unlikely to be significant.

Portsmouth, as they step into the last eight for the first time in 36 years, will need 13 pairs of carpet slippers. Whether they go to the north or the west of London, they will have to adjust to a different ball-game on an equally unfamiliar and unacceptable surface.

It should be at Kenilworth Road. If so, Luton Town, the hosts of tomorrow night's replay against Queen's Park Rangers and of the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Oxford United on Sunday, could along with Arsenal be straddling two paths to Wembley.

The prospect of competing at Highbury, of taking on Liverpool or of playing on artificial turf may have been unattractive enough but no-one would willingly have chosen to face Wimbledon's ferocious commandoes. Port Vale will probably be spared such a fearsome ordeal.

Should Watford dismiss the third division representatives tonight, they will enter Plough Lane with the least reluctance. They have won both aerial battles against Wimbledon in the League. The other seven survivors will be relieved to have avoided being drawn into the physical warfare.

FA CUP

Sixth round draw

Arsenal v Nottingham Forest
Manchester City v Liverpool
Queen's Park Rangers or Luton Town v Portsmouth
Wimbledon v Port Vale or Watford

Maine Road draw lift for Frizzell

By Ian Ross

Manchester City's belief that they have the quality to become the first second division side to win the FA Cup since West Ham United in 1980 was undiminished by yesterday's sixth round draw which paired them with Liverpool, the favourites, at Maine Road.

City, whose promotion drive has faltered recently, hid behind a familiar veil of defiance after being handed such a bitter-sweet assignment.

"It is a good draw for us — and I do mean that. After you are drawn out of the hat first, you have to accept what comes next," said Jimmy Frizzell, the club's general manager.

"I don't suppose anyone really wanted to be pitted against Liverpool because, like most people, I regard them as the finest side in the country. We have been talking all season about our young players needing experience, so the draw couldn't be any better. At least it means that we will have one northern team in the semi-finals of this year's competition."

Shortly before the draw, City moved to free Paul Stewart, their highly-rated forward — who faces a two-match suspension after reaching 31 penalty points — for the quarter-finals by rearranging their second division game with Sheffield United for March 8, five days before the Cup tie.

Although the bookmakers have been swift to dismiss City's chances (at 66-1; Liverpool at 11-8), Frizzell remains confident that the City supporters among the guaranteed sell-out crowd of 50,000 will celebrate on March 13 when Liverpool will appear live on television.

"We have quite a good recent record against Liverpool. We defeated them 1-0 at Maine Road three years ago and last season we held them to a draw at Anfield and went down to a solitary goal at home. It would be foolish to make predictions but we will give them a good game," he said.

Kenny Dalglish, now on the verge of leading Liverpool to a League and FA Cup double for the second time in three years, said: "We are just pleased to be still involved. Our record against Manchester City is history and counts for nothing at all."

● Port Vale keep an unchanged side for their replay against Watford at Vicarage Road tonight, while Gary Porter, of Watford, is fit after straining a calf muscle at Vale Park.

Mob attack tragic says Moynihan

By John Goodbody

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said yesterday that the mob attack that left a policeman with a fractured skull was a step backwards for the hopes of English clubs to return to European competition.

He described the attack on PC John Duffy at the Manchester Piccadilly station as "so tragic" when football authorities and the Government were working hard to defeat violence.

Moynihan said that UEFA, the governing body for European football, should review English supporters' performance over the whole season before deciding whether they should be allowed back into European competition.

"Today we are not ready but I very much hope that at the end of the season we will be ready," he said.

Moynihan will study a report of the incidents late last Saturday night when a group of about 60 Manchester City followers ambushed Manchester United fans returning from their club's Cup tie defeat at Arsenal.

As he escorted the United fans from the station, PC Duffy was set upon by a group of youths. As he recovered yesterday at Manchester Royal Infirmary from an emergency operation for a fractured skull, he said: "I was trying to force opposing fans away from each other and suddenly the violence became directed at me. They clearly wanted a fight and I saw them set about my two colleagues.

"As soon as I went to assist them I was subjected to a flurry of blows and ended up on the floor being kicked and clubbed. I felt a blow on the back of my head and was then kicked in the head and body. One my hands was dangling and I could see my own blood."

Detectives are hoping video identification of Duffy's attackers will match with photographs taken by undercover policemen, who mixed with City supporters in a six-month undercover operation.

There is a ban by police on Wolves supporters attending the fourth division promotion game at Torquay tonight because of violence at last season's fixture.

Keith Pearson, the Wolves secretary, said: "You can understand the Devon police's attitude. I was not at the game when there were problems but I understand the scenes were pretty awful."

● *The Times examines football hooliganism, page 38*

Samaranch refuses extension to Games

From Chris Moore
Calgary

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, yesterday ruled out any possibility of the Winter Games in Calgary being extended to make up for lost time.

"When I close the Games on Sunday they are finished," Samaranch said in response to a public commitment from Frank King, chairman of the Olympic organizing committee, that "all events will be held and medals awarded, even if they have to take place after the closing ceremonies on February 28."

Continuing high winds, which have battered Canada Olympic Park — venue for the ski jumping, bobsleighing and luge for the past seven days — posed more problems and delays yesterday.

Both the 90-metre individual ski jumping event and the Nordic combined 70-metre jumping competition were postponed and rescheduled for today. In addition, the final two runs of the two-man bobsleighing event, which were called off on Sunday when the track was peppered with sand and grit, were put back a further three hours.

So far none of the medal sports being staged at the Olympic Park have escaped disruption, and there is growing concern among athletes and officials that some events, in particular the ski jumping, may not be completed in time. However, Samaranch is optimistic that the Games will be remembered as the best ever.

"I would like to see no wind, cold weather and some snow to turn the landscape white," Samaranch said. But he refused to join the mounting chorus of opinion criticizing the choice of the exposed Olympic Park site.

Despite that, another IOC member said: "The people who selected the location for the ski jumping should be shot. They've known all along there are wind problems there, but they went ahead anyway."

George Hopkins, the Olympic Park coordinator, admitted: "We're getting a lot of stick from competitors and officials about the wind blowing in all the sand and dirt. But some trees were planted earlier which would have acted as a wind break. ABC ordered them to be pulled up for fear of their camera vision being obscured — and that's disgraceful."



Calgary couple: Sharon Jones and Paul Askham, of Britain, in one of the compulsory dances

Swiss women again denied gold but bronze for Percy

From Iain Macleod, Mount Allan

On a gorgeous day that was as perfect as the skiers have had here since the Alpine programmes began eight days ago, Sigrid Wolf, of Austria, yesterday gave another smack in the face to the mighty Swiss squad when she won the women's super-giant slalom title.

Michele Figini, of Switzerland, took the silver to offer some consolation to a squad many had thought invincible before the Games began, and Karen Percy, the Canadian who seems ready to go on to greater things, took her second bronze medal of the Games.

Wolf had previously won only one super-G event, at Sestriere in Italy, when the World Cup season began last November. She fell in the downhill last Monday week but yesterday, by finding a near perfect line on the 39-gate, 1,943-metre course, she finished in 1min 19.03sec, a second ahead of Figini to atone thoroughly for any past disappointments.

Wolf has always been regarded as being a better downhiller. But, with the similarities between the downhill and super-G courses, she was expected to do well here. Giving substance to that theory was a course which presented little of the technical difficulty which the men had experienced the previous day. It is not the first time that the skier, aged 24, from the Tyrol, has salvaged the nation's pride.

Her two downhill victories, both of which occurred at Vail last March at the tail end of the World Cup season, were the only victories achieved by an Austrian skier, male or female, throughout that season.

Wolf has had to overcome a number of injury problems in the last few years, a suspect back cost her a place at the last Olympics, and a year later, although making a remarkable comeback, she endured the disappointment of missing a bronze medal at the world championships in Bormio by a mere one-hundredth of a second.

At the beginning of the 1986-87 season, Wolf tore a knee ligament but later recovered though she did nothing of note throughout the season apart from her victories at Vail.

Figini's silver said much for her mental toughness after the disappointment of only finishing ninth in the downhill and the Swiss, with Maria Walliser in sixth place and Zoe Haas just behind her, again performed disappointingly.

But there is no question that the most significant factor to emerge from the women's events has been the form of the Percy, aged 21, who, in the likely event of Laurie Graham's retirement, has given the nation a new heroine of whom great things will be expected in the year to come.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Too big for the job

Munich (Reuter) — Christian Danner, the West German motor racing driver, has lost his place with the French Ligier Formula One team because he is too tall. Danner, at 6ft, is too big for the team's new car, which is tailored to the modest build of Rene Arnoux. Danner has been replaced by the experienced Stefan Johansson, of Sweden.

Budd protest

Lagos (Reuter) — Nigeria has urged African countries to boycott next month's world cross country championships in New Zealand if Britain's Zola Budd is allowed to compete. Air Commodore Bayo Lawal, Sports Minister and president of the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, said Britain had ignored requests to drop the South African-born runner.



McKenzie: clearance

Ring return

Clinton McKenzie, the former British and European light-welterweight champion, has been given medical clearance to return to the ring at Croydon on March 10, when he will meet Chris Blake.

Test deal

Cable and Wireless has renewed its backing of West Indies Test cricket with a four-year deal worth $1 million (about £550,000), starting with the series against Pakistan beginning next month.

Poor reward

Liz McColgan won the Miami Orangebowl 10km race at training pace at the weekend but, unusually for her, earned no money for it. Many of the other competitors withdrew on learning that the expected $5,000 (about £2,750) first prize and appearance payments had been scrapped.

Agnew's offer

Jonathan Agnew, aged 27, the Leicestershire fast bowler who took 101 first-class wickets last season, is considering retiring from first-class cricket in the autumn to concentrate on a broadcasting career. He has the opportunity to take up a full-time position as sports producer of BBC Radio Leicester in October.

Dope tests

Bonn (AFP) — Footballers in West Germany will have to undergo compulsory, random dope tests in League and Cup matches next season.

Scotland lose Campbell for Calcutta Cup

Following their defeat in Wales, the Scotland selectors have further injury problems (Ian McLachlan writes). Campbell, the big Hawick lock who complained of a sore side on Sunday, was found to have a broken rib and a cracked rib when he reported to hospital yesterday.

This rules him out of his side's vital championship match with third-placed Melrose on Saturday and, of course, the Calcutta Cup at Murrayfield the following week.

The national selectors meet tonight to decide on the team to face England and that may well mean a first cap for the Anglo-Scot, Chris Gray, of Nottingham or a second row place for Paxton, of Selkirk, who was a replacement for the game in Wales.